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Debra A. Howland
Executive Director
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301-2429

Re: DE 17-xxx – 2018-2020 New Hampshire Statewide Energy Efficiency Plan

Dear Director Howland:

On August 2, 2016, in Order No. 25,932 in Docket No. DE 15-137, the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (“NHPUC”) approved a Settlement Agreement by a diverse group of stakeholders, including state agencies, environmental and low-income advocacy groups, the state’s utilities, and others, to implement an Energy Efficiency Resource Standard (“EERS”) in New Hampshire beginning in 2018. The New Hampshire Electric and Natural Gas Utilities: Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities; New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc.; Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy; Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. (UES); Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp d/b/a Liberty Utilities; and Northern Utilities, Inc. (Northern) (collectively, “the NH Utilities”) are pleased to submit this 2018-2020 Statewide Energy Efficiency Plan.

Included in this submission are the NH Utilities’ proposals and recommendations for the NHSaves programs for 2018, 2019 and 2020 to implement the EERS.

For over a decade, the NH Utilities have worked collaboratively to develop and implement cost-effective, award-winning energy efficiency programs which have provided substantial energy and cost savings to New Hampshire’s electric and natural gas customers. The included 3-year plan will extend, and expand, those programs.

The enclosed plan sets out a portfolio of programs that will achieve the energy savings targets identified in the Settlement Agreement and help New Hampshire realize the benefits from those savings. All of the existing NHSaves programs will ramp up to reach more customers and capture more energy savings. New initiatives in 2018-2020 include a new residential energy audit option, a financing option for moderate income residents, new measure offerings in both residential and commercial programs, and multi-year energy planning to encourage long-term energy savings projects among large commercial customers.



The measures implemented through the 2018-2020 Plan will save more than 4 billion electric kilowatt-hours and 7.5 million natural gas MMBtus. In addition, the program will save 5.4 million MMBtus from other fuels. These energy savings will result in customer energy cost savings of more than \$867 million in energy costs over the life of the measures. The measures implemented in 2018-2020 will reduce peak demand by 39 MW, which in turn will reduce costs for all customers,

This Plan has been informed by an extensive stakeholder review process through the Energy Efficiency and Sustainable Energy Board and the Board's EERS Committee. The NH Utilities appreciate the contributions made by a wide variety of stakeholders over many hours of workshops, review and thoughtful discussion.

The NH Utilities are pleased and proud to present this 2018-2020 Plan to help New Hampshire achieve its energy savings goals. The NH Utilities look forward to working with the Commission, its Staff, and other stakeholders, to review this plan and to implement it for the benefit of New Hampshire and its utility customers. Please contact me if there are any questions about this filing. Thank you.

Very truly yours,



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Enclosures

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