## STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

#### DE 21-133

# STATEWIDE LOW-INCOME ELECTRIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM 2021-2022 Program Administrative Budgets

#### Order Approving 2021-2022 Administrative Budgets

#### ORDER NO. 26,739

#### December 1, 2022

On September 30, 2021, the Commission approved the Electric Assistance Program (EAP) administrative budgets on an interim basis pending further proceedings. *See* Order No. 26,530. The parties submitted a consultant's report and EAP Advisory Board recommendations concerning the design of the EAP program on October 3, 2022, in this docket and in Docket No. DE 22-043. Docket No. DE 22-043 concerns the EAP administrative budget for 2022-2023.

We find the 2021-2022 EAP administrative budgets consistent with past practice and consistent with the existing EAP program design. We remain concerned that optimal administrative efficiency has not been achieved, and we remain committed to exploring improved administrative efficiency in DE 22-043 and future dockets. By this order, we grant final approval of the 2021-2022 EAP administrative budgets subject to the New Hampshire Department of Energy (DOE) audit of the EAP administrative expenditures for program year 2021-2022.

We also transfer our consideration of any future EAP program changes to Docket No. DE 22-043.

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#### Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby

**ORDERED**, that the EAP administrative budgets for program year 2021-2022 are approved, subject to DOE audit of EAP expenditures; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that consideration of future EAP program changes and any audit adjustments will be moved to Docket No. DE 22-043.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this first day of December, 2022.

Chairman Commissioner DE 21-133 - 3 -

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