

SYSTEM BENEFITS CHARGE
SCHEDULE SBC

A System Benefits Charge (“SBC”) shall be billed by the Company to all customers taking Delivery Service from the Company. The purpose of the SBC is to recover the cost of 1) the statewide low income electric assistance program (“LI-EAP”) provided by the Company, 2) the Company’s energy efficiency programs, and 3) lost revenue related to the energy efficiency programs in accordance with this tariff.

The portion of the SBC covering the LI-EAP shall include all approved costs associated with the development and administration of the LI-EAP. These costs include program discounts, approved implementation and administrative costs, costs associated with the LI-EAP billed to the Company by third parties, and amortization of arrearages retired under the LI-EAP.

The low income electric assistance plan portion of the System Benefits Charge shall be set at \$0.00150 per kilowatt-hour effective July 1, 2011 and shall remain in effect unless a different charge is approved by the Commission. The Company shall collect the low-income portion of the SBC, apply the program discounts to participant bills and deduct any authorized costs. Any remaining balance shall be submitted to the State Treasurer’s Office. In the event that a shortfall exists, the Company shall submit a request for reimbursement.

The portion of the SBC covering energy efficiency program costs shall include program costs and performance incentives. The energy efficiency portion of the SBC shall be established annually based on the 2020 level authorized in Order No. 26,323 dated December 31, 2019. Annually, beginning January 1, 2023, the energy efficiency portion of the SBC will be adjusted using the most recently available 3-year average of the consumer price index (CPI-W) as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, all as calculated by the department of energy. On March 31, 2023 a report shall be filed in accordance with section 9 of Order No. 26,621, dated April 29, 2022 and modified by Order No. 26,642 dated June 21, 2022. On July 31, 2023 the joint utilities shall petition the Commission to approve changes to program offerings for the next 3-year period. The Company may petition the commission to approve interim program updates prior to the next 3-year planning period on July 1 of any year during which a 3-year plan is not filed.

The third portion of the SBC shall include lost revenue related to energy efficiency programs pursuant to Order No. 25,932 in Docket DE 15-137, Energy Efficiency Resource Standard and Order No. 26,553 in Docket DE 20-092, 2021-2023 Triennial Energy Efficiency Plan. In the absence of a decoupling mechanism the lost revenue portion of the SBC shall be established annually based on a forecast of lost revenue, and shall also include a full reconciliation with interest for any over- or under-recovery from the prior year. The Company may file to change the rate at any time should significant over- or under-recoveries occur or be expected to occur.

Authorized by NHPUC Order No. 26,911 in Case No. DE 23-098 dated December 11, 2023.

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Any adjustment to the SBC shall be in accordance with a notice filed with the Commission setting forth the amount of the proposed charge and the amount of the increase or decrease. The notice shall further specify the effective date of such charge, which shall not be earlier than thirty days after the filing of the notice, or such other date as the Commission may authorize. The annual adjustment to the SBC shall be derived in the same manner as that provided by Calculation of the System Benefits Charge.

Interest hereunder shall be calculated based on the prime rate, with said prime rate to be fixed on a quarterly basis and to be established as reported in the Wall Street Journal on the first business day of the month preceding the calendar quarter; if more than one rate is reported the average of the reported rates shall be used.

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Issued by: Robert B. Hevert
Senior Vice President

CALCULATION OF THE SYSTEM BENEFITS CHARGE (SBC)

1. **Low-Income Energy Assistance Plan Portion of the SBC (\$/kWh)** \$0.00150

Calculation of the Energy Efficiency Portion of the SBC

2. Current Effective Energy Efficiency Portion of the SBC (\$/kWh) \$0.00577

3. CPI-W 4.978%

4. **Energy Efficiency Portion of the SBC (\$/kWh) (L.2 * (1+L.3))** \$0.00606

5. **Lost Revenue Portion of SBC (\$/kWh)** \$0.00000

6. **Total System Benefits Charge** \$0.00756

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Issued By: Daniel Hurstak
Vice President and Treasurer