

Dear Meredith and NH Energy Strategy Crew.

Just taking a few minutes to provide input on the draft State Energy Strategy. My comments are simple, the solution may not be, but I hope my recommendations can be successfully addressed. For context, I attended the better part of two of the Navigant presentations, and have reviewed their slides and May 1, 2014 draft document, admittedly in a cursory fashion.

### **The Good**

- The analysis is detailed and thorough, and lays the foundation for a comprehensive understanding of energy use in NH.
- Inclusion of the Transportation sector is important, and I am particularly interested in the presence and expansion of the “distributed energy” model and conservation, which I think are the most practical and beneficial approaches that can be rapidly implemented at the policy level.

### **The Not-So-Good**

- The report is far too detail-oriented and technical for policy makers and citizens.
- The recommendations are not clear, and there is no cost-benefit summary that aids prioritization and implementation of next steps.

### **The Recommendations**

- Create an Executive Summary that contains a cost / benefit matrix by sector (Transportation, Thermal, Electric) and prioritizes by cost, ease of implementation, economic benefit (ROI, keeping dollars in NH). Identify the Legislative / Policy / Departmental Agencies / Industry-Business-Consumer groups best able to take the lead role in next steps.
- Assign a timeframe that matches the policy life (10 years?), with most-likely 20, 30-year needs projections to keep our eyes on the horizon.
- Remove legislative and regulatory barriers to change (i.e, don't tax added value of residential / commercial conservation / generation improvements, continue net-metering)
- Fund a Green Bank through consolidations and annual savings from energy efficiency (recall this was est. to be \$35M / yr.).
- Identifying the basic import (energy) / export (dollars) economics of NH energy is critical as a driving force to motivate policy makers and consumers to invest in change.

To summarize, stimulating conservation, building insulation and efficiency, and on-site thermal and electric generating capacity will provide deep and long-lasting benefits in very short order that will allow more time to make the longer-term adjustments required to balance our economic-environmental-energy goals and objectives.

Thanks for all your good work, and for considering my comments.

Best regards,

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