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City of Dover, New Hampshire

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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Michael Fitzgerald, Assistant Director
New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, Air Resource Division
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Concord, NH 03302-0095

RE: City of Dover, NH
Letter of Commitment for the EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant

Dear Mr. Fitzgerald,

On behalf of the City of Dover, I am happy to submit this letter affirming that we are committed to partnering with the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) for implementation of energy efficiency measures identified through our municipal drinking water and wastewater energy evaluation reports performed through the NHDES Water Infrastructure Energy Program (WIEP). We understand that the WIEP-identified recommendations and measures could potentially qualify for funding through EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) program. Dover is happy to participate in any effort that might lead to a reduction in greenhouse gas and co-pollutant emissions from fossil-fuel and electricity consumption.

Dover recognizes that municipal wastewater and drinking water facilities present a unique opportunity to reduce energy consumption, avoid energy costs, and minimize taxpayer costs, all while reducing GHG emissions. Here in Dover we are budgeting over \$1 million in our annual Operations Budget just for electricity to power our municipal water and wastewater systems. To achieve measurable savings and energy reduction, we believe will require enhancement of existing efficiency programs and new initiatives.

We recognize that a strong commitment is needed to pursue energy efficiency projects to improve environmental and public health issues in New Hampshire. Because of our prior experience working with the NHDES WIEP, the City of Dover is well-positioned to support the design and implementation of the CPRG program. The City of Dover is also committed to connecting the benefits of the program to low-income and disadvantaged communities in our area. Therefore, we reiterate our willingness to work with NHDES WIEP to support deployment and community engagement of the possible program.

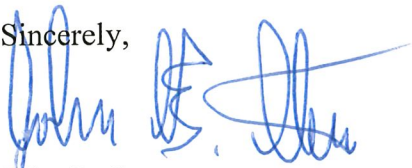
As part of our commitment, we agree to provide input and support, as may be necessary, and also to participate in potential working groups. We also understand that should this

CPRG funding request be successful, we look forward to working with NHDES WIEP on this beginning in mid-2024.

The City of Dover also understands that, because of state and federal regulations, this letter of commitment for NHDES's CPRG application would not give us any type of competitive advantage if NHDES uses a competitive process to procure contracts or subawards for CPRG funding. We recognize the benefits of the program, and even if Dover didn't qualify directly, we expect the benefits and lessons-learned from other communities would eventually carry over to us. We recognize this can be a collective success for the State, so happy to offer our support.

Please let us know how we may be of additional assistance.

Sincerely,



John B. Storer

Director of Community Services

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