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Docket

Docket No E-7 Sub 1155.

Message

I represent a panelized home manufacturer in North Carolina that employs over 50 people directly and that employs hundreds more through our builder and sub-contractor partners to turnkey the homes that we build. From my shoes, the DEP Residential New Construction Rebate has been wildly successful in getting builders and new home clients that I work with to adopt more energy efficiency choices than they might otherwise have done. I have been able to encourage the use of super insulation principles, high performance heat pumps and high performance heat pump water heaters, reducing our energy demand AND energy load, resulting in energy savings, a more stable grid, and more resilient and energy efficient housing in general. This incentive helps builders and homeowners choose the most energy efficient electric solutions for their new homes, which increases the adoption of these technologies overall. The envelope improvements also make these new homes more passively resistant to power outages and other natural disasters, which is a huge win for ratepayers and homeowners. I also work in other markets and I can tell you it is the best rebate in the country for efficient new construction and it has changed the way builders view the homes they build, and it makes North Carolina a great leader in this industry. DEC customers need this rebate as well. I have many customers in the DEC region who would jump to take advantage of it. I am asking the Commission to weigh in on this matter and to direct DEC and the gas utilities to come up with a solution that will allow this incentive to be available for DEC customers. Thank you.

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