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**COMMENTS OF THE NEW ENGLAND GEOTHERMAL
PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION, INC.**

Good morning. I am Attorney Bill Stevens, and I represent the New England Geothermal Professional Association, Inc. (“NEGPA”). NEGPA is a Massachusetts corporation whose purpose is to promote the technical competency and growth of the geothermal heat pump industry, and educate the consuming public, legislators and policy makers on the effective uses and benefits of geothermal heat pump technology and its applications.

Ground source heat pumps are cost-effective, sizeable and provide substantial environmental and societal benefits. Unlike air source heat pumps, ground source heat pumps: (1) provide highly efficient electric heat and cooling with much lower peak demand impacts; (2) require no fossil fuel back up; (3) have a long useful life expectancy; and (4) improve indoor air quality.

Because of the benefits to the electric distribution and transmission systems and reduction in fossil fuel consumption, NEGPA respectfully requests the EEAC to advise both electric and gas Program Administrators to include ground source heat pump installations for all sectors in their upcoming 2022-2024 energy efficiency three-year plans.

Today, Mr. Larry Lessard, president of NEGPA, will make a short presentation on the environmental and cost benefits of ground source heat pumps. NEGPA stands ready to provide further information to the EEAC and electric and gas Program Administrators on the benefits of ground source heat pumps.

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