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Thank you for the opportunity to submit written comments regarding the residential PV rebate program.

With regards to importance, the number one priority is having a continuously funded rebate program will help create a sustainable industry and bring jobs to NH. Having a rebate program that is underfunded and works in starts and stops will result in companies from out of state doing work in NH while the rebates are in place and they'll instantly disappear once the rebates are gone. A well funded sustainable rebate program will give companies a reason to invest, fill vacant commercial space within the state, and create much needed local jobs. After attending the public hearing, I'm glad to see this is the PUC's primary intent.

What needs to be solved is both the inconsistent funding and the size of the rebate. The value of finding more consistent funding cannot be underestimated. This is the catalyst (and only unknown) to sustain the program.

We know the private market is dictating an average of \$6.00 per watt installed. The federal tax credit brings that down to \$4.20 per installed watt. I would like to see \$1.50 per watt with a max cap of \$4,500. At \$1.50 per watt state rebate, homeowners can install at \$2.70 per watt keeping the NH rebate aggressive. Setting the max cap at \$4,500 promotes more installed systems in the 3kw range, instead of the current 2 kw range. This would spread out the rebate (14 modules 3.22kw- \$4,500, 12 modules 2.76kw- \$4,140, 10 modules 2.3kw - \$3,450, 8 modules 1.84 kw -\$2,760) amount while increasing the amount of kw installed on NH rooftops. This will reduce the strain (max cap) on the program while still providing aggressive incentive to install renewable energy.

I feel this upcoming rule change presents an opportunity to streamline the application and rebate process. This in turn will reduce administrative costs and increasing available funds needed for rebates. It would free up additional time for both the PUC staff and private industry to promote and maintain the sustainability of the PV rebate program.

Sincerely,

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