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Debra Howland Executive Director and Secretary
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord New Hampshire 03301

RE: DE 16-576
Electric Distribution Utilities
Development of New Alternative Net Metering Tariffs and/or Other
Regulatory Mechanisms and Tariffs for Customer-Generators

Dear Ms. Howland:

Please file this letter as a public comment in the above-referenced docket, which I submit in wholehearted support of the net metering program.

Net metering benefits New Hampshire whether or not you are a believer in global warming and climate change. It fosters state development of a booming (solar) industry offering both job opportunities and a least environmentally, property rights and health deleterious energy option to help preserve the New Hampshire quality of life: no ugly electric transmission poles, lines and pipelines carving up the countryside and the fundamental rights of citizens to the reasonable use and enjoyment of their property; no “possibly carcinogenic to humans”¹ electromagnetic fields or toxic-emitting infrastructure to decimate our children’s well-being.²

But global warming and climate change *are* real: matters of science, not politics. Calling these cataclysmic concerns “just politics” will not change the outcome; we have seen it in historically high temperatures and in increasingly severe storms and droughts—it is already upon us. If we do not meet this reality head on, we will lose industries susceptible to ruin by extreme

¹ As cited by the International Agency for Research on Cancer.

² See, e.g., “California’s Fracking Fluids: the Chemical Recipe,” by Tasha Stoiber, et. al. (EWG; August 2015); “Gas Compressors and Nose Bleeds: a New Study Connects Health Issues with Rural Gas Compressor Pollution,” by Jessica Owen (Fall 2015)(concerning Minisink, New York study); “Potential Hazards of Air Pollutant Emissions from Unconventional Oil and Natural Gas Operations on the Respiratory Health of Children and Infants” by Ellen Webb, et. al. (2014; published in Reviews on Environmental Health, 2016); “Porter Ranch Gas Leak Triggers State of Emergency in California,” January 7, 2016 CNN online news article; “Gas Patch Roulette: How Shale Gas Development Risks Public Health in Pennsylvania,” by Nadia Steinzor, et. al. (October 2012); “Madison County, New York Department of Health Comments to the Federal Energy Regulatory Committee,” prepared for Madison County Department of Health by Thimble Creek Research (September 30, 2014), pp. 14-28; ATSDR/CDC Health Consultation Report (Jan. 29, 2016), p. ii (asthmatics, elderly and others at risk from compressor stations); ATSDR/CDC Health Consultation Report (Apr. 22, 2016), pp. ii-iii (concerning short and long term adverse health effects of particulates); “Human Health Impacts Associated with Chemicals and Pathways of Exposure from the Development of Shale Gas Plays,” by Wilma Subra Subra Company (January 9, 2012).

heat and drought conditions, like our dying dairies and potentially our entire tourism/recreation-based economy, and incur untold billions in remedial costs (see page 23). Solar is key in the battle against global warming and climate change, and net metering key to the promotion and expansion of solar.

Please continue our net metering program and strengthen it, in the strongest possible available terms, as a great move toward a better tomorrow.

Sincerely,

//s//Richard M. Husband