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Debra Howland, Executive Director
NH Public Utilities Commission
Re Docket No. DE 16-576

I am writing to the PUC in support of the Development of New Alternative Net Metering Tariffs and Other Regulatory Mechanisms and Tariffs for Customer-Generators Joint Settlement Proposal from the Energy Future Coalition.

It is time for NH to realize that the utility industry is evolving to a new model sometimes referred to as grid 2.0. Distributed generation is proving its value in many nearby and distant states. It offers NH numerous opportunities including enhanced resilience (particularly as storage emerges), reduced dependence on fuels imported to the state, less reliance on polluting fossil fuels while retaining tax, investment, labor and energy dollars in the state's economy.

Based on the science and the accumulating evidence that we are warming our planet by burning fossil fuels we need to significantly increase our use of solar and wind energy. While winters get shorter, our military calls it a 'threat multiplier', 97% of peer reviewed scientists warn us and last year smashed the record for warmest year set the year before; how can we fail to act? It is incumbent upon the NH PUC to ensure a balanced net metering policy that protects consumers, our economy, countless species (from moose to maple trees) and enables the distributed energy industry to continue to grow in NH.

Distributed energy resources provide desirable diversification of energy sources at a time when we're moving past 50% dependence on natural gas. These private sector investments enable more time for very careful assessment of fossil fuel related infrastructure to avoid risks to taxpayers and rate payers of stranded costs, like at the Merrimack Station.

We have relied on a grid connected PV system for a decade which has enabled us to reduce our vulnerability to price increases in conventional electricity. If we are true to our motto "Live Free and Die", then our citizens and businesses should be free to harvest free fuel.

Thank you for your consideration.

With wishes for sunshine, success and good health,
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