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Subject: Re: DE 22-060, Consideration of Changes to the Current Net Metering Tariff Structure, Including Compensation of Customer-Generators

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To the Clerks of the PUC:

I am writing to urge the PUC to continue New Hampshire's current system for compensating customers who share surplus solar power on the grid. Even the big utilities operating in NH are in favor of keeping the current system. The overall impact on people who do not have solar is to bring their costs down.

Customer generated net-metering can help decrease the overall utility load, which reduces the total demand that NH utilities must meet. This reduces utility costs. Additional costs are saved through net-metering by reducing the need for transmission lines, poles, and peaker plants.

In addition, by using electricity where it is generated, net-metering customers increase the overall transmission efficiency of the grid.

By using local solar installers to install their panels, net-metering customers also help support the local economy. Energy purchased from the big utilities is generated out of state, resulting in an exodus of dollars out of New Hampshire. Plus, that electricity costs more for NH rate payers, because the energy to create the electricity must be purchased from elsewhere and is subject to price increases over which NH residents have no control.

Renewably generated electricity like solar is now the least expensive way to generate electricity. We should be doing everything in our power to encourage people to use solar panels—this will continue to bring the cost of electricity down for everyone.

Finally, the more solar generated electricity we use, the less fossil fuel generated electricity we use. Climate change, the effects of which we are already seeing, is a direct result of the burning of fossil fuels.

Thank you for your consideration,

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