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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 you today to encourage you to keep the current compensation level of our net-metering system instead of terminating compensation for customers who share surplus solar power on the grid. Solar panels are installed by businesses located in NH which creates jobs and keeps money in the state. Money saved by those who net-meter is money that can be spent in the state, also adding to our economy. Our three investor-owned utilities all agreed that our present net-metering system will provide necessary stability and economic benefits that down-shifting will not. Eversource spokesperson William Hinkle testified in favor of the economics of the system: “New Hampshire’s net metering policy—which is among the most balanced in New England—has been effective in encouraging the growth of [solar]resources in our state, and there is no evidence that the current compensation level is creating unjust cost shifts.” In addition to the economic advantages of maintaining the status quo, there are health benefits to our citizens because solar rooftop energy does not produce hazardous particulate matter that the burning of fossil fuels does.

Thank you for supporting our local economy and protecting New Hampshire residents' health by keeping our current net metering tariff structure as is.

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