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To: PUC: Clerks Office <ClerksOffice@puc.nh.gov>

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:

As a resident who has invested in solar power, I'm urging you to continue the current system of compensating customers for the energy these panels contribute to the grid. This solar power is generated locally, which means that we need to import that much less power. Solar panels are also installed locally, so they create jobs for NH. Another benefit to the current net metering: rooftop solar doesn't create particulate matter like when fossil fuels are burned. Because of this, net metering reduces medical costs here in NH and improves the health of residents. **Since** in the future, we can expect increased demand due to more EVs and heat pumps, this would seem to be very important.

Net metering encourages residents to install solar panels. Without it, these benefits will be reduced more than if we continue with the current system. Please keep the current net metering system so we can encourage more residents to install solar panels. NH has so much to gain.

Thank you for your consideration,

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“One way or another, having poverty in the U.S. affects us all here. We pay a price. You can either pay on the front end of a problem or on the back end of the problem, and we're paying on the back end, which is always more expensive. The EU, UK, and other places are more likely to pay on the front end by providing good childcare, good healthcare, education. And that's a much better way of addressing this. We need to shift our thinking about poverty from an issue of them to an issue of us.” - Mark Robert Rank