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TO: New Hampshire Public Utility Commissioners — Pradip Chattopadhyay, Daniel Goldner, Carleton Simpson,

We are writing regarding DE22-060 in support of maintaining New Hampshire's current net metering policy related to the utilization of solar generation of residential electricity. Weakening or discontinuing the current policy would cause financial harm to thousands of homeowners throughout the state who have made the commitment to install solar arrays on their properties. In addition to reducing fossil fuel consumption, the financial benefits of net metering were key motivating factors regarding our investment in solar energy. To reduce or cancel these cost advantages would create a "bait and switch" situation — a betrayal by the state following our good faith investment in our country's future.

Our household has a 15-panel system that allows excess electricity generated in fair weather to be sold back to NH Electric Co-op. The utility pays roughly 70% of full price which reduces annual electricity cost and helps to recover the expense of installing the system. In addition, utilizing solar power to charge our electric vehicle reduces gasoline costs while further benefiting the environment.

Bottom Line: If it ain't broke, don't fix it. Please keep the state's net metering policy in place. It delivers benefits not just to solar households but to other residents who can purchase power from the excess generated by solar installations.

Thanks for your consideration.

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