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**Subject:** Ensure a Future of Net Metering in NH (re: PUC Docket DE 22-060)

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Governor Sununu, Public Utilities Commission, and DOE Commissioners Chicoine and Ellms,

Governor Sununu in particular, as a fellow MIT alum (class of 2013 and 2014, courses 10B and 6-7), it pains me to think this letter is even necessary, but here it goes.

I understand that the NH Public Utilities Commission will soon release an Order concerning Docket DE 22-060 re: Changes to the Current Net Metering Tariff Structure. I understand a Settlement Agreement has been filed by the three investor-owned electric utilities, Clean Energy NH, Conservation Law Foundation (CLF), the Office of the Consumer Advocate (OCA), and the NH Hydro Association. This Settlement ensures our state maintains a viable net metering policy and that customer generators are fairly compensated for the power they provide to the grid, promoting market competition and consumer choice.

I am writing to urge the Public Utilities Commission to accept the Settlement Agreement. Net metering reduces costs, stimulates economic growth, and promotes public health while contributing to the development of a more reliable, resilient energy grid.

Even more, it is important to me personally, because of the following:

- As a resident of Kensington, NH, my goal is to help as many neighbors as possible reduce their energy bills, and oftentimes solar panels (either DIY or through professional companies) are a sure way of investing in a system that, once paid off, will *produce* income rather than simply reduce energy bills. Net metering is the cornerstone of this approach and without it in its current state (NEM 2.0) we might as well admit that we're ok with ignoring all the data that points to savings for *all* NH grid users.

- As the chair of the Kensington Energy Committee, we are currently looking for creative ways to reduce our town operating costs, especially with our budget defaulting in 2023. A 25kW solar array on our Town Hall is currently being evaluated by the NH DOE for a grant

that would allow us to install this system at no cost to the town residents. Again, net metering would be critical for the usefulness of this system as a revenue generating project, and it would benefit *the entire town*

Given the overwhelming support and indisputable data in favor of keeping NEM 2.0 untouched, I would expect our leaders and the PUC do the right thing here.

I am copying the PUC Clerk on this email so that my concern and support for the Settlement Agreement will be entered into the docket. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Zeke Schmois

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