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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,

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 Associated Grocers of New England because our business, which has been in New Hampshire for over 75 years has made the decision to invest in solar energy to help stabilize our energy costs, realize savings, and invest those very savings into the business and therefore back into the local economy. Net metering is critical to this decision and enables our company to lower our energy burden and instead invest in local energy resources.

Thank you for your consideration

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