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Subject: Concern re Future of Net Metering in NH PUC Docket DE 22-060

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Dear Governor Sununu, Mr. Daniel Goldner, Mr. Pradip Chattopadhyay, Mr. Carleton Simpson, Mr. Jared Chicoine, and Mr. Christopher Ellms, Jr.,

I recently learned that the NH Public Utilities Commission is about to release an Order concerning PUC Docket DE 22-060 on 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.

I urge the PUC to accept this Settlement Agreement. Removing net metering would hurt us financially.

I and my husband are New Hampshire residents who installed a home solar array 5 years ago. We rely heavily on Net Energy Metering (NEM), that is, excess electricity generated on sunny days being sold back to our power company, NH Electric Co-op. The 70.6% of full price that NH Electric Co-op pays us reduces our household electricity expense and helps recover the cost of installing the solar array. It reduces my travel expense, too, as I drive an electric car. We factored all this in when choosing to go solar.

We want the current net metering policy to stay in place not only for ourselves but for others and for the climate, to encourage new solar projects in NH.

There's no longer any doubt that burning fossil fuels is causing climate change by putting too much carbon dioxide into the atmosphere. We've gotta stop burning stuff. We do that by switching to electricity that is powered by solar and wind energy. NEM contributes to reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

In addition, NEM helps make solar energy cost-effective for homeowners and businesses and helps them budget for their electricity costs. NEM encourages the efficient use of renewable energy sources, reducing transmission losses and grid congestion. NEM also encourages the renewable energy sector to grow which leads to more good-paying high-skill jobs in the manufacturing, installing, and maintenance of renewable energy systems.

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.

Sincerely,

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