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August 26, 2024

NH Public Utilities Commission

21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10,
Concord, N.H. 03301-2429

RE: NH Net Energy Metering Settlement Agreement

Dear Clerk of the NH Public Utilities Commission,

I write in support of the 2-year Compromise Agreement reached among multiple parties, including NH's electric utilities, NH's Consumer Advocate, Conservation Law Foundation, and the NH Hydro Association.

I installed solar panels twelve years ago to reduce my dependence on fossil fuels and, secondarily, to reduce my monthly energy costs. I have never regretted that decision, even though I am far from recouping the cost of my investment, and probably never will.

With net metering, I at least feel there is societal recognition for modest investments to reduce carbon emissions and interest on the part of Eversource to participate in combating the climate crisis.

I understand the Settlement Agreement was reached through a process that involved compromise and, ultimately, consensus from several disparate parties, including the three electric utilities operating in NH. It will keep in place the current net metering structure for least the next 2 years, at which time the current system again can be revisited.

I believe in compromise, and certainly the current system is working well for me.

Moreover, I'm afraid any action at this time by the PUC to change the current net metering system could halt further solar development in New Hampshire, which is not in our long-term interests.

Given all the data that underscore our world's climate crisis, now is NOT the time to change or eliminate net metering. The Compromise Agreement on the table would stabilize and could even increase solar development in the state. Lurge the PUC to support it.

Sincerely,

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