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Subject: NH Net-Metering (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 also understand that an agreement has been filed by the investor-owned electric utilities, Clean Energy NH, the Office of the Consumer Advocate (OCA), and others. This Settlement ensures our state maintains a viable net metering policy and that customer generators are fairly compensated for the power they produce, 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.

This is also important to me personally, because our business, Patrick's Pub & Eatery in Gilford, made the choice to invest in solar through the USDA's Rural Energy for America Program, which supports small businesses like mine to invest in clean energy systems. Patrick's serves as a community gathering place, and for that reason, we are committed to making a positive impact in our community. We conduct business in a way that serves our staff, our customers, and our community—and for us, that meant investing in solar for the economic and environmental benefit. At the end of the day, net metering has made this a reality for our business, and we believe it should remain an option for all businesses—to make their own choices about reducing energy costs and their environmental impact.

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,

Allan Beetle, Owner
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Gilford