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Subject: PUC Docket DE 22-060 regarding Net Metering in NH and Support for Proposed Settlement Agreement

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By email (ClerksOffice@puc.nh.gov)

Dear Chairman Goldner,

I am writing as Chair of the Energy Committee of the Town of Exeter in reference to PUC Docket DE 22-060 on Changes to the Current Net Metering Tariff Structure. I wish to express **support for the proposed Settlement Agreement** regarding future Net Metering Tariffs in New Hampshire as 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.

Our committee, together with our Planning and Building Department, and with the overwhelming support of SelectBoard and Exeter voters (twice), spearheaded a project to build a 1.77 megawatt solar facility on the site the Town's closed landfill which is now nearing completion. We are looking at other possible sites for future solar projects as well. These projects are important in keeping town costs for electricity (and related municipal property taxes) under control, and in helping our Town reach its established sustainability goals. Approving this settlement agreement will help assure that our solar facility retains its financial viability and that future alternative energy projects depending on NEM are not deterred.

It is vitally important that New Hampshire have an energy regulatory environment that supports rapid development of renewable energy sources. Having sound net metering policies and tariffs are essential to that.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Cliff Sinnott, Chair
Exeter Energy Committee

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