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New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
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RE: Comment in Docket DE 22-060

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing on behalf of the New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority (NHHFA) to express our support for the settlement agreement in docket DE 22-060. This agreement is crucial for advancing the state's Solar for All program, which is set to provide \$43.5 million in federal funding to the NH Department of Energy, with a subgrant of \$23 million to NHHFA, to support the installation of solar energy systems to benefit low-income households.

The Solar for All program represents a significant opportunity to reduce energy costs for low-income families across New Hampshire. By enabling the installation of solar panels on multi-family housing units, this program will help lower utility bills for residents who are most in need of financial relief. However, the success of this initiative is contingent upon maintaining a fair and supportive net metering compensation level.

An order that reduces the net metering compensation level would severely undermine the financial viability of solar projects under the Solar for All program. Such a reduction would result in fewer low-income individuals benefiting from the cost savings associated with solar energy and could prevent NH Housing from fully utilizing the federal funds that have been awarded to the state of New Hampshire for this purpose. It is imperative that the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission supports the settlement agreement to ensure that the intended benefits of the Solar for All program are fully realized.

NHHFA is committed to improving the quality of life for low-income residents through sustainable and cost-effective energy solutions. We believe that the settlement agreement in docket DE 22-060 is a critical step towards achieving this goal. We urge the Commission to approve the agreement and uphold the current net metering compensation level to maximize the positive impact of the Solar for All program.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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