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Subject: Concerned about the future of net metering in NH (PUC Docket DE 22-060)

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Governor Sununu, (cc: NH-PUC, NH-DOE)

I have 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 also understand a Settlement Agreement has been filed by the following entities and 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.

I am the Chair of the Plymouth Energy Commission - a group who worked with our local municipality and its citizens to pass a warrant to install solar on a town owner property here in Plymouth. We are also looking at other possible sites for solar. These projects are so important in keeping town costs under control. Without net metering, we'll have to stop all progress toward future projects.

Also, as a NH citizen, I want to see New Hampshire transition to clean energy and solar is going to be a huge part of that. I don't want to see the solar industry grind to a halt, lose time and solar consultants and those who work in the industry, and have to start up again. That's just bad for everyone – bad business for NH.

Lastly, my family has had solar on our own home for many years. Net metering makes it possible for me to use all the power I produce, even if I can't use it the moment it is generated. Otherwise, I'd need a battery to store excess power for later use. I'd much rather my excess energy go to the grid and into my neighbors' homes. I would hate to see net metering go away and prevent others in my community and throughout the state from accessing the benefits I get as a solar homeowner with net metering.

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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