

**From:** Eds Harding

**Sent:** Monday, September 9, 2024 2:16 PM

**To:** Governor Sununu <governorsununu@nh.gov>; PUC: Clerks Office <clerksoffice@puc.nh.gov>; Chicoine, Jared <jared.s.chicoine@energy.nh.gov>; EllmsJr, Christopher J <Christopher.j.ellmsjr@energy.nh.gov>

**Subject:** Harding Metals Feedback re: Net Metering (Docket DE 22-060)

**EXTERNAL:** Do not open attachments or click on links unless you recognize and trust the sender.

---

Governor Sununu, Public Utilities Commission, and DOE Commissioners Chicoine and Ellms,

I understand that after hearings last month, 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 have learned that a Settlement Agreement was filed together by our state's utilities, Clean Energy NH, the Office of the Consumer Advocate, Standard Power, Wal-Mart, and others, that essentially maintains the status quo—it ensures our state maintains a viable net metering policy and that customer generators are fairly compensated for the solar power they produce, promoting both market competition and consumer choice.

I am writing to ask our Public Utilities Commission to accept the Settlement. Net metering reduces costs, stimulates economic growth, and promotes public health while contributing to the development of a more reliable, resilient energy grid.

Even more, it is important to my family's business, Harding Metals, Inc. We specialize in the profession of industrial scrap recycling, serving all of New England as we have since we were established in 1963. Our business has changed dramatically over the last fifty years, including the increase in public consciousness and growing concern for protecting the environment and the importance of recycling. Given that ethos, as we've grown and expanded our operations, we built a new 12,000 square foot maintenance facility and

decided to put solar on our roof because of our company's commitment to sustainability. Our state's net metering policy has made this a reality for our facilities, and we believe it should remain an option for all Granite Staters—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,

**Eds Harding**



New England Chapter  
Recycled Materials Association