

CSR Statement at the March 2 PUC Public Hearing

Good morning. My name is Caroline Robinson. In your packet, please find my testimony in favor of the Stratham Municipal Solar Project.

For over three years we have worked with Unitil to develop this pilot project, We know that much can be learned from the first major investment in the state for solar PV on a municipal building.

We would like to emphasize the word **PILOT**. Until our state explores DER on a pilot community basis, we will not be able to demonstrate the success or failure of the effort on any of the energy parameters important to our state: cost-benefit analyses, reduction of carbon emissions, generation of local employment, and *municipal* energy generation, to name a few.

This project has the potential to be a major building block for the future of solar energy and distributed generation in New Hampshire. We urge you to join more than 14 other states that have already installed PV on their municipal buildings, by demonstrating our state's commitment to developing community energy resources.

Thank you for your attention to our testimonies.

Caroline Robinson, Chair

Stratham Solar Municipal Project