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Subject: Support for Docket 22-060 Settlement Regarding Net Energy Metering

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To Whom it May Concern,

I'm writing in support of the settlement regarding Net Energy Metering.

As a NH business owner that depends on solar net metering for my business, we can not afford to weaken net metering.

As a small business we are faced with energy challenges in NH that drastically impact our ability to stay competitive:

- NH has some of the highest energy costs in the nation making it more expensive to manufacture products and provide services.
<https://www.statista.com/statistics/630090/states-with-the-average-electricity-price-for-the-residential-sector-in-the-us/>
- Nationwide, NH ranks near the bottom in adoption of renewable energy sources.
<https://yaleclimateconnections.org/2023/02/us-state-with-most-renewable-energy-production/>
- We have the lowest net meter reimbursement rates in the northeast.
- NH was recently ranked as one of the worst prepared states for climate change with renewable energy and infrastructure being a key factor in this very poor ranking.
<https://www.cnbc.com/2024/07/26/10-us-states-worst-prepared-climate-change-extreme-weather.html>

Any weakening of net metering is putting NH businesses at a disadvantage and harming residents that already struggle to pay for high energy costs.

I support this common sense approach and the NH PUC should support it as well.

Best regards,

Zach Luse