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Subject: Concerned about the future of Net Metering in NH PUC Docket DE 22-060

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Dear Mr Chicoine,

I recently 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 understand a Settlement Agreement has been filed by the three 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 AS MODIFIED WITH CPCNH's Recommendations. As a member of our local Energy Committee, this will offer the best opportunity for a level playing field for local solar production projects and provide potential savings and options for our residents.

Long term energy demand will require all forms of energy of our residents and economic solar is a big portion of that goal for clean and locally produced electricity.

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,

Howard Kalet

Co-Chair Rye Energy Committee

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EXAMPLE sentences about why you care ... feel free to adapt any of these. Or write your own sentence about why you don't want solar development to grind to a halt in NH.

EXAMPLE from a Energy Committee Volunteer: I was part of a group of citizens who helped our town install solar on town hall. We are 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.

EXAMPLE from a Resident Interested in Solar: I've had several contractors visit my house and was planning to invest in solar energy to stabilize and offset my electricity costs. I can't do that without net metering.

EXAMPLE from a Concerned Citizen: I'm a renter and I don't have the means to invest in solar energy... yet. 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 staff, and have to start up again. That's just bad for everyone.

EXAMPLE from a Resident with Solar: I've had solar on my 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 at 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.

EXAMPLE from a Small Business: Earlier this year I applied for a USDA Renewable Energy for America grant that will hopefully cover 50% of the cost to install solar at my business. Solar energy is going to help me stabilize my energy costs and make my bottom line more predictable. If net metering goes away, that project is dead on arrival.