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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,

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.**

In 2019, Keene celebrated a new 1.36 MW ground-mounted solar project at the Wastewater treatment facility, it is presently the largest single electricity user in Cheshire County. When combined with the existing 643 kW solar array installed on the roof of the Keene Public Works and Police Departments, the City generates 2.4 million kWh of clean, solar electricity each year—enough to offset a majority of the City's total municipal electric needs.

The energy produced by this array offset the entire electric load and given the recent indications of a doubling of electric rates from Eversource, the economic benefit of the project is even better than it was projected to be, not to mention the significant carbon reductions this project represents. These projects are very important in keeping Keene town costs under control. Without net metering, future projects will certainly be limited.

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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