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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,

(cc: NH-PUC, NH-DOE)

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.

#### Energy Commission projects

I have the privilege of being on the local energy commission that was able to install solar panels on our town hall, and we are now exploring additional locations for solar energy projects. These initiatives are crucial for managing our town's expenses effectively. However, the absence of net metering could significantly hinder our ability to advance future solar projects.

#### Staying Off Grid

Without net metering, future homeowners (including me) may opt to stay off-grid entirely, depriving local utilities of potential revenue and grid contributions. This exodus of customers reduces the utility's rate base, potentially leading to higher costs for remaining customers as fixed infrastructure expenses are spread across fewer users. Additionally, the grid loses out on the benefits of distributed energy generation, which can enhance overall system reliability and reduce the need for costly upgrades. It's a lose-lose situation/

For these reasons, I urge the PUC to accept this Settlement Agreement.

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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