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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. I had solar panels installed on my home a little over a year ago. My decision to go solar was primarily to do what I could to reduce my carbon footprint and secondly to reduce my energy bill. I have taken other steps to reduce my electric energy consumption by also installing a heat pump with mini splits for heat and air conditioning and a heat pump water heater.

This is important to me because the demands for energy are increasing. Net metering allows me to contribute any excess energy I produce back to the grid. Without Net metering, I would need to purchase, at great expense, a battery to store excess power for my later use, with none of it going back to the grid. It would be a travesty to eliminate net metering, preventing others in my community and the State of NH from accessing the benefits of net metering as a homeowner with solar.

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,
Susan Smith
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