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Subject: Support for CPCNH Proposal in Net Metering Docket (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 will soon issue 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 several parties in addition to other proposals offered by the Community Power Coalition and the NH Department of Energy.

I urge the PUC to accept this Settlement Agreement with the proposed modifications by the Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire. This topic matters to me

because Pembroke NH, launched its Community Power program in March 2024, and it is important to me that Pembroke and its customers can benefit from the modifications proposed by the Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire:

- Include actual avoided cost values for transmission and generation capacity.
- Maintain a 20-year term for new projects so local power producers can get the financing they need.
- Maximize the benefits of the local energy market by enabling energy storage to be interconnected as part of net metering facilities.
- Modernize the load settlement processes to accurately recognize and account for the value of local energy resources and power producers, including compensation for avoiding expensive transmission charges, among other benefits.
- Enable time-of-use rates for net metering customers where practicable and feasible.
- Make these new changes to net metering optional for current net metered generators.

New Hampshire has an opportunity to be a leader in developing an efficient local energy marketplace for community generators, battery storage, and other innovative energy technologies. To realize this innovative local power market, adjustments are necessary so that local producers can supply energy as an alternative and an offset to wholesale power and be more accurately compensated for their value.

Flaws in the current system are also blocking local power producers from participating in their Community Power programs. CPCNH's proposal would enable net metering customers to participate in their Community Power program by providing electricity to their

Community Power portfolio and be compensated accordingly.

Local power producers should be compensated for the actual value they provide to the grid. Enable time-based price signals for local power producers.

Enable energy storage to participate in net metering to maximize benefits.

Modernize and improve load settlement. Local power production (exports to the grid by customer generators) should be accounted for as load reduction (an offset to wholesale energy purchase obligations). When power is produced locally, it physically offsets and reduces the amount of power that must be purchased in the wholesale market. This physical reality should be recognized in load settlement practices.

Exclude the cost of compliance with New Hampshire's Renewable Portfolio Standard from the monetary credit to local power producers for exports to the grid. The costs for the Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) are recovered through the use of energy, not the production of energy. While this is a small component, its removal sends a more accurate price signal.

Enable Time-of-Use rates for net metering where practicably feasible.

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 as a public comment.

Sincerely,

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