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Subject: Concerned about the future of net metering in NH (PUC Docket DE 22-060)

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Dear Governor Sununu:

As a member of the Town of Lee Energy Commission, I am extremely disturbed to learn that the NH PUC 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, the Office of the Consumer Advocate, and the NH Hydro Association. **I urge the PUC to accept this Settlement Agreement.**

I and the rest of the Lee Energy Commission have reduced the cost of electricity to our town by purchasing a net metered solar system for our local recycling center/transfer station which offsets what our town has to pay for electricity. We have run campaigns to promote solar power in our town, resulting in many residents purchasing solar panels for their homes to reduce their electrical bills. My own home has a net metered solar system that minimizes the cost that my husband and I, retirees on a fixed income, must pay Eversource for our electricity. To eliminate or reduce the benefits of net metering will severely discourage people like us from turning to solar power as a means to lower their electricity costs. If our electric utilities and consumers support this Settlement Agreement, shouldn't it be obvious that the PUC should, too?

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. I am also copying this email to the Department of Energy for whom advising you to support this Settlement should be a high priority.

Sincerely,

Barbara Wauchope, Ph.D.