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Subject: Rambling Woods LMI Community: 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)

Rambling Woods Cooperative in Bethlehem was recently awarded the New Hampshire Low to Moderate Income Community Solar grant to develop a solar array that will benefit all residents of the Rambling Woods community via net metering. Residents will see lower electric bills which will benefit all residents, including retirees and low income families. This project is completely dependent on net metering to distribute the benefits to residents. Changes to net metering would be devastating to this project and future community solar projects that will bring far reaching benefits to low and moderate income communities.

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. It has been shown that the financial benefits of distributed energy far outweigh the costs, which is of vital importance to low to moderate income communities in New Hampshire given our electricity rates. I urge you to maintain the benefits of net metering so that the residents of Rambling Woods Cooperative can benefit from lower electricity bills, and so that communities like mine can benefit in the future.

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,
Fred Wheeler
Bethlehem NH