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To: PUC: Clerks Office <ClerksOffice@puc.nh.gov>
Subject: Settlement Agreement on the Net Energy Metering

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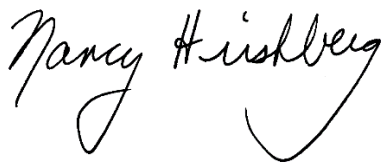
NH Public Utility Commission
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Sent via email to: NHPUC Clerk - ClerksOffice@puc.nh.gov

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing to urge the PUC to accept the Settlement Agreement on the Net Energy Metering (NEM) credit for residents, municipalities, schools, low-income communities, businesses, and manufacturers. The Settlement Agreement is a compromise between widely diverging groups including NH public electric utilities, the Office of Consumer Advocate, Clean Energy NH, Conservation Law Foundation, Granite State Hydro Association, Standard Power, and Walmart, Inc. With nearly all parties in agreement, including the distribution utilities, this settlement represents a balanced approach that supports the growth of renewable energy while considering future needs for more flexible rate designs.

Net metering has repeatedly been shown to be of value to ratepayers. The Dunsky [Value of Distributed Energy Resources \(VDER\) Report](#) from 2022 indicated no unreasonable cost-shifting due to net metering. An independent [Clean Energy NH-sponsored analysis](#) found a net BENEFIT to all consumers of expanded NEM programs through 2035. Local generation may even *reduce electricity rates* for all consumers.

Sincerely,



Nancy Hirshberg
Chair, Wolfeboro Energy Committee