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**Subject:** Net metering in NH (PUC Docket DE 22-060)

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Dear Governor Sununu,

It is my understanding 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 have a 5kw solar array on my house. I invested \$15,000 in this array (net of any rebates) and an associated heat pump heating/AC system to reduce my energy bills and decrease my greenhouse gas emissions. The current net metering system has made it possible for me to have only one electrical bill in the past four years and reduce my other heating costs to less than \$600/year (primarily for backup heating oil). While I remain a ways away from recouping all of my original investment, the predictability of the current net metering system makes it possible to see that recovery in the not-too-distant future. It would be both a personal and financial disappointment if the current net metering system were to change so as to make this recovery less likely.

I am proud that New Hampshire has a system that enables people like me to contribute to reducing the state's fossil fuel use, diversify its energy supply, and perhaps forestall what increasingly appear to be the inevitable consequences of climate change. New Hampshire should continue to support and expand similar efforts across the energy landscape. Failure to do so is, at best, short-sighted and, at worst, disastrous.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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