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Subject: Competitive energy prices in NH and a resilient grid depend on net metering (PUC Docket DE 22-060)

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Governor Sununu (cc: NH-PUC, NH-DOE):

I have learned that NH PUC is about to release a decision on PUC Docket DE 22-060 that would make changes to the current net metering tariff structure. I also heard that an agreement has been filed by the three private utilities, several nonprofits, the Office of the Consumer Advocate (OCA), and the NH Hydro Association.

I urge the PUC to accept this Settlement Agreement. Net metering agreements have been crucial to keeping our town's tax rate flat by providing savings on municipal buildings. At least 2 churches in our town have installed solar with net metering to help keep their operating costs under control, as have several farms, local businesses, and hundreds of homeowners. Net metering is crucial to increasing our town's resilience and to supporting our local economy by keeping living costs and business operation costs manageable. DO NOT UNDERMINE NH'S ECONOMY BY ELIMINATING OR REDUCING AN OPTION THAT EVERYONE AGREES IS WORKING POSITIVELY--FROM BUSINESSES TO UTILITIES TO NONPROFITS AND CIVIL SECTOR.

I am copying the PUC on this email so that my concern and support for the settlement will be entered into the docket.

Sincerely,

Em Friedrichs
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