

To: New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
Chris Sununu, Governor of NH
Jared Chicoine, DOE Commissioner
Chris Ellms, DOE Deputy Commissioner

Date: August 19, 2024

I am writing in support of the Settlement agreement proposed by the three electric utilities, CENH, Conservation Law Foundation (CLF), the Office of the Consumer Advocate (OCA), and the NH Hydro Association, concerning Net Energy Metering. It is critical that NH continue to encourage solar development by allowing residents, municipalities, schools, and businesses to get full compensation for the electricity they generate with solar panels. Climate change is having devastating effects in NH, in surrounding states, and worldwide and we must do our part to eliminate fossil fuel produced electricity as quickly as possible.

The settlement agreement is fair and reasonable, and we should not allow political pressure to get in the way of energy transition that is supported by science.

Ben Steele
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