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I write in support of maintaining the current net metering policy which is being revisited on DE22-060. I am among many electricity customers who responded to the massive increase in electricity rates that began in the fall of 2022 by seeking bids for rooftop solar panels. I am also a resident of Bedford which put before the voters a proposal in early 2023 to put solar panels over the capped landfill. Both our residential and municipal projects involve making significant capital investments, but both were financially justifiable by having what seemed a predictable and fair net metering policy in place. The state is not providing any direct subsidy to households like ours and we are fortunate to have the resources to make that substantial investment which is predicated on a long-term break-even point. While in the process of researching solar economics I became aware through the press of a VDER study that concluded that solar customer generators were of benefit to the overall grid by reducing peak demand, thus reducing capital expenses for generation and distribution infrastructure. The report also provided an estimate that costs which might be shifted to non-solar customers were minimal, in the 1% range.

It was personally reassuring that the net metering program has benefits that are being shared by all ratepayers which helped establish confidence that the net metering program need not be adjusted in any major way. I ask that you honor the confidence of myself and other voters in Bedford in the long-term predictability of net metering as protecting our investments in solar

Thank you,
William Coder