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Dear New Hampshire Public Utility Commissioners Mr. Daniel Goldner, Mr. Pradip Chattopadhyay, and Mr. Carleton Simpson,

I write regarding DE22-060 to support maintaining the current net metering policy. Weakening or removing it would hurt us financially.

I am a New Hampshire resident who installed a home solar array 5 years ago. We rely heavily on Net Energy Metering (NEM), that is, excess electricity generated on sunny days being sold back to our power company, NH Electric Co-op. Even though the power company doesn't pay us full price, the 70.6% of full price that it does pay reduces our household electricity expense and helps recover the cost of installing the solar array. It reduces my travel expense, too, as I drive an electric car. We factored all this in when assessing our finances and choosing to go solar.

We want the current net metering policy to stay in place not only for ourselves but for others and for the climate, to encourage new solar projects in NH.

Why? Because there's no longer any doubt that burning fossil fuels is causing climate change by putting too much carbon dioxide into the atmosphere. We've gotta stop burning stuff. We do that by switching to electricity that is powered by solar and wind energy. NEM contributes to reducing greenhouse gas emissions; it is vital for mitigating climate change.

In addition, NEM helps make solar energy cost-effective for homeowners and businesses and helps them budget for their electricity costs. NEM encourages the efficient use of renewable energy sources, reducing transmission losses and grid congestion. NEM also encourages the renewable energy sector to grow which leads to more good-paying high-skill jobs in the manufacturing, installing, and maintenance of renewable energy systems.

Please keep the current net metering policy in place. Thank you for your kind attention.

Melanie Nesheim