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Sirs/Madams:

We write to express our views, which represent hundreds of electric ratepayers in Hanover, N.H. who have installed solar panels. We, and they, are dismayed by the utilities' refusal to share data with the Community Power Coalition of NH (CPCNH) in order for CPCNH to service net-metering customers appropriately. This prevents us from taking advantage of cleaner and cheaper power options provided under state law.

We will leave it to others to address the utilities' claims of expense and difficulty of complying with the law and rules calling for the data to be provided. We address the impact on net-metering customers like us.

In 2017, the Town of Hanover adopted the goal of using 100% clean electricity by 2030. The town's buildings have already met that goal. Hundreds of town residents have put in solar collectors because we wanted environmentally cleaner electricity. Net metering enables us to get compensated for the clean solar energy we put into the utilities' grids, while we use energy from the utility when our production lags behind our use.

Now CPCNH and our local electricity aggregation body, Hanover Community Power (HCP), have made it possible for ratepayers here to replace utility power with electricity supplied by CPCNH; power that so far is cheaper and cleaner than the utilities offer. These ratepayers can also pay more to boost their renewable power content even higher. Moreover, ratepayers using CPCNH power have representation through HCP at the CPCNH Board level to support energy innovation and a fund for improvements, such as batteries and time-of-day metering, to make their energy cleaner and more efficient. But because the utilities won't share net-metering data, net-metering customers here cannot participate in CPCNH power without losing compensation for their solar power production.

More than 300 Hanover homes and businesses that have installed solar panels are the most enthusiastic supporters of cleaner energy. The utilities are holding us hostage. Please deny the utilities' petition to continue this abuse.

Sincerely,

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