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Subject: Comments on DE 10-024 RENEWABLE ENERGY FUND NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON ADDITIONAL RENEWABLE ENERGY INCENTIVE PROGRAMS

Dear Director,

Below are comments for the public hearing scheduled for Feb 26th. Unfortunately my work schedule will not allow me to attend. Please direct any comments or questions to this email address.

Thank you for your time.

To: PUC
Subj: DE 10-024 RENEWABLE ENERGY FUND NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON ADDITIONAL RENEWABLE ENERGY INCENTIVE PROGRAMS

HB 1628 was passed in the July of 2008 to provide incentives for small renewable energy installations (<5kw). During the summer in 2008 I contacted the PUC (Mr. Jon Osborn) for guidance on Solar Water Heating Systems. The law provided pretty simple rebates for electricity traditional generating systems. But it could certainly be read that Solar Water Heaters qualified because of the type I/type II definitions. Mr. Osborn told me that the PUC would provide incentives for these installations but had not yet determined how to quantify these incentives.

On this advice I went forward with installing a Solar Water Heating System in my home in November of 2008. Since decreasing my usage of electricity has the same net effect as new generation of electricity I believe that my installation meets the intent of HB 1628. The lawyers at the PUC disagreed. But that being said it is only fair that any rule passed by this committee must cover installations back to the beginning of the program (30 September 2008, I think). I am sure that there are other residents, like me, that on the advice of the PUC installed Solar Water Heater Systems expecting to receive an incentive payment.

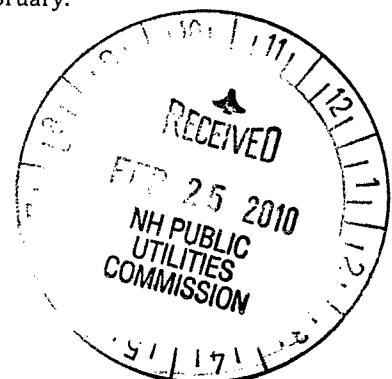
Since I installed the Solar Water Heater at my home (over 14 months now) my energy usage has decreased by almost 10KWH per day. I think the PUC should determine a fair estimate of how much electricity would be saved by the KW ratings of the panels installed in a system. This would simulate to the process used for PV Panels.

As a private citizen of NH with no financial interest in any solar or plumbing company or entity I would strenuously recommend this committee restrict this incentive to small solar water heater systems. The intent of HB 1628 was for small installations, not large commercial installations. I believe that these small installations will better serve the residents of NH by:

1. Lowering the electric bills of individual residents.
2. Distributing the generation of electricity (or decreasing electricity use at the user end, rather than the generator end).
3. Increasing the chances that small, NH Based businesses will perform these installations (thereby keeping these limited dollars in our communities). Large commercial size installations are much more likely to be performed by out of state (or out of country) companies, thereby decreasing the effect on NH families.
4. The purpose of HB1628 was to foster small installations (<5kw). I believe that expanding these rebates to installations to up to 100kw will violate the intent of HB1628.
5. The notice for this hearing specifically noted that there is limited funding for this program. This limited funding should be spread among individual citizens and not large corporations, which may or may not benefit any NH residents.

Unfortunately my work commitments will prevent me from attending the hearing on the 26th of February.
Thanks you for your attention,

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