

CORNISH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03746

November 21, 2016

Debra A. Howland, Executive Director New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission 21 S. Fruit St., Suite 10 Concord, NH 03301

RE: Re: Docket No. DE 16-576

Dear Executive Director Howland,

The Cornish Conservation Commission would like to express our support for the continuation of net metering for homeowner installed solar panels. The Cornish Energy Committee, in collaboration with the Plainfield Energy Committee, has worked very diligently in getting a number of home systems installed in our two Towns. Our estimates are that the home installed systems in the two Towns lowered our carbon footprint by 99 metric tons per year. Many home owners would not have been able to afford the cost of installation without the financial incentive of net metering.

There are few ways as individuals that we can directly address climate change but home solar systems is a major one. We urge the continuation of net metering in New Hampshire.

Sincerely,

James Barker, Chair Cornish Conservation Commission 744 Town House Rd. Cornish, NH 03746

CC: Cornish Selectman
Cornish Energy Committee