



State of New Hampshire

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CONCORD

Deborah Howland
Executive Director
NH Public Utilities Commission
21 South St., Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301

July 26, 2017

Re: Docket DE16-576
Development of New Alternative Net-Metering Tariffs

Dear Ms. Howland:

I would like to register the following comments on the two issues of grandfathering that were left unresolved in the PUC's order in Docket DE16-576.

First: I see no reason to penalize either the seller or the buyer in the transfer of a property with an existing renewable energy system that has been granted grandfathered status. Therefore, there should be no impediment to that system's maintaining its grandfathered status.

Second: As to penalizing the expansion of an already grandfathered renewable energy system, this flies in the face of established state policy – which is to expand renewable energy development. Removing grandfathered status can only establish an obstacle to the beneficial move to increased renewable energy in the state, and would therefore constitute a counterproductive step.

Finally, I agree with the renewable energy coalition that these grandfathering provisions should apply to both commercial and industrial (C&I) customers as well as residential customers. Reaching our renewable energy goals and accomplishing the transition to a clean energy economy requires a major effort on the part of all sectors of our economy. At a minimum, we should be reducing barriers to the expansion of renewable energy by all sectors.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lee W. Oxenham".

Rep. Lee W. Oxenham
Science, Technology and Energy Committee