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Sent: Monday, November 13, 2023 9:03 PM
To: PUC: <PUC@puc.nh.gov>
Subject: Re: Net Metering regulations - please retain current customer generation rate

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These comments were in reference to Docket DE-22-060. Thank you for checking back with me. Ruth Heath

From: Ruth Heath
Sent: Friday, November 10, 2023 10:12 PM
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Dear PUC Commissioners,

We write as homeowners of a home we built 40 years ago in Canterbury. In 2014 we put enough solar panels on our roof to power our modest home in order to decrease our use of fossil fuels and emissions, which negatively impact our health and environment. This was only financially possible by using the federal incentives (tax credits) and state rebates (still significant at the time) and net metering.

For us, going solar means we are living out our faith tradition's imperative to care for the earth, and care for others. We know that if we don't act to limit our carbon emissions, we endanger others more vulnerable around the world. And here at home it hurts us all in NH as we have to deal with the impact of changing weather, increasingly severe storms, and heat waves. It impacts our major industries of tourism and our farmers.

We all need to do our part to limit our carbon emissions. Retaining the current system of net metering is critical to homeowners (and businesses) like ourselves who want to live our values, and who want to preserve NH beautiful environment and clean air. Changing the customer generation rate will mean many will not be financially able to install solar, and the utilities will need more centralized power plants and power lines, at higher prices to all consumers.

We also feel good that we are making the most efficient use of energy distribution resources (and lowering prices overall) when our unused energy goes to our neighbors, eliminating line losses and the need for costly additional substations.

We are now grandparents, and we fear for the world our granddaughter will be faced with if the continually dwindling fossil fuel resources are not conserved NOW.

We implore you to keep the current customer generation rate (or even increase it) to enable us all to be part of the solution to the problems that we in NH feel as a result of accelerating climate change.

Sincerely,

Ruth and Greg Heath