DRM 13-311



## The Senate of the State of New Hampshire

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## Regarding: DRM 13-311 Rulemaking PUC 902 & 909 Group Net Metering

Dear Ms. Howland:

As original sponsors of SB 98, an act authorizing group net metering for limited electrical energy producers, we write to offer comments on the Public Utility Commission's proposed rules implementing the law.

Specifically, in PUC 902.03, the proposed definition of "customer-generator" includes the sentence: "For purposes of this chapter, the electricity consumed in conjunction with or to operate the facility qualifies as 'the customer's own electricity requirements.""

We agree that the inclusion of this sentence in the definition reflects both the legislature's intent in passing this law and our intent in crafting the bill language.

Our hope in writing this bill was to permit widespread and active use of group net metering in our state, to expand investment in and deployment of small-scale renewable energy systems, and to increase the overall use of distributed generation in New Hampshire. The draft language in this definition appropriately reflects our intent and policy goals.

Sincerely,

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