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Debra A. Howland, Executive Director
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Re: Docket No. DE 16-576

Dear Ms. Howland,

It is imperative that NH continues to support rooftop solar and net metering programs for our residents, businesses and municipalities. The state's economy benefits from our young people having good, permanent, well-paid in-state jobs installing solar systems throughout our communities. And our climate benefits from the reductions in GHG emissions which otherwise continue to prime the pump of climate change with its disruptive and costly repercussions that our towns and state cannot afford.

In fact, if we want to continue having a strong tourist industry which can thrive during foliage season and the winter ski season, we need to radically reduce our use of fossil fuels and switch to solar power and other renewables. We're weakening and losing our Maples over time as the climate warms, and we're having more unpredictable snow amounts. This year's drought dried up four family's wells in my neighborhood and many more throughout our town. And there was a frightening reduction in hay production for our dairy, grass-fed beef, horse and sheep farms, plus a tough maple sugar season affecting two other local businesses. If we want to maintain the treasures and richness of our lifestyles and natural environment in NH, it will take a serious determination to relinquish our dependence on fossil fuels.

Supporting roof top solar and net metering solar installations stimulates our in-state economy and moves us in the safer and smarter direction.

Please encourage these common sense steps toward a better future.
Thank you for taking my comment.