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Debra A. Howland, Executive Director
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
Re: Docket No. DE 16-576
21 S. Fruit St., Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301

Dear Ms. Howland,

Energy is one of the many critical issues of our time and investing in non-polluting renewable energy is clearly in the country's best interest. I have taken advantage of the net metering program and I strongly encourage you to do everything possible to make sure the program is available to individuals and businesses now and in the future.

Please consider that:

- Net metering is pro-consumer, especially at this time of sky-high electricity rates, because it allows us to control and stabilize our own electricity costs through homegrown energy resources.
- Net metering helps deploy new, clean supply that does not require the use of transmission lines, which lowers costs in the system that we all pay for on our bills.
- Net metering helps to reduce peak demand in times when our electric system is under the heaviest burden (and power is most costly).
- Net metering supports the ongoing growth of NH's clean energy sector, which already provides 15-20 thousand well-paying jobs here in our local economy and has grown explosively.

Sincerely,



Gerald R. Beck