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Ed McNamara, Director
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Re: Monthly Net Metering

Dear Mr. McNamara:

I read with interest in Vt. Digger about your department's recent filing with the Public Utility Commission concerning net metering credits for solar electricity production. I am concerned about this quote from that article:

In that Nov. 1 filing, the department proposes allowing net metering customers to net out their consumption and generation on a monthly, not annual, basis.

No doubt, you are aware that solar generation peaks in summer months and domestic electrical demand peaks in winter months. Net metering on a monthly basis violates the spirit of net metering to balance production and consumption. So your logic for this escapes me.

But far more concerning is how monthly net metering will impact our use of solar electricity to offset our geothermal space heating, something we are pioneering. Our home in Ferrisburgh is close to carbon zero for domestic electric, hot water, and space heating (we only use 50 gallons of propane in the summer months for hot water). We are not doing this with evil intent to gouge our fellow ratepayers. Annual net metering is critical to our efforts.

Don't get me wrong, I have no problem with our net metering credit not exceeding the marginal cost of purchasing wholesale electricity at the date and time of our solar production, or some daily or monthly average that is easier to calculate. But the credits must accumulate on a 12 month basis.

Let me know if you would copies of our electrical production and demand data since we started in 2010.

Thank you for your consideration.

Cordially,



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cc: Sen. Ruth Hardy, Sen. Chris Bray
Rep. Matt Birong, Rep. Diane Lanphere
PUC Clerk Judith Whitney
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