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I am writing to strongly support maintaining the current net metering rates. Frankly, as a Vermonter and climate scientist for 25+ years, I am disappointed that my state is not doing more to promote solar and other truly renewable energy sources - and appalled that the PUC is even considering a reduction in net metering rates.

I am convinced that Vermont must do everything possible to promote more solar power capacity, as quickly as possible. Why is Vermont not setting an example for other states? The consequences of accelerating climate change are becoming more apparent each day, and with each day that we delay transitioning to distributed generation solar power, the costs to human and natural systems will increase.

My family installed 4 kW of solar panels more than five years ago, and are now in our second year leasing an electric car (Chevy Bolt). Net metering provides an important incentive for middle-class families to adopt both distributed solar and EVs, and Vermont must promote these alternatives - and keep our local solar industry strong. Please do not reduce net metering rates!

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