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## July 21, 2016

Dear Public Service Board Members,

As businesses and other institutions that support Vermont's highly popular and successful net metering program, we ask you to reconsider the newly proposed net metering rule that would drastically undermine this bedrock Vermont energy program.

Net metering in Vermont has helped keep Vermont's rates among the lowest in the region, helped create jobs held by one out of every 17 workers in the state in renewables, and made our state more energy secure and less dependent on out of state dirty fossil fuels. Vermont has consistently ranked in the top 3 nationally for solar jobs per capita thanks to solar net metering.

Thousands of schools, towns, businesses, non-profits, and homeowners now benefit from investing in their own renewable energy. Further, every study of the program has concluded that benefits accrue to all ratepayers of net metering investment and that there is no discernible cost shift from customers who are net metering to those who do not.

Many of us are part of the vast renewable energy supply chain in Vermont including manufacturers, contractors, and other value-added businesses who benefit from a robust clean energy industry in Vermont.

Many of us are customers of net metering who have chosen to make the investment in a more renewable, energy independent future for Vermont.

And many of us are hosts of solar projects, such as farmers, that benefit from a stable source of revenue and use of our less productive land.

Proposed policies including retroactive customer fees, an annual market-disrupting cap, and a prohibition on community net metered projects which represent more than 80% of the current net metering market according to Green Mountain Power's own filings, will crater this important Vermont-grown renewable energy industry, taking jobs and energy savings elsewhere.

In states across the country, including those immediately adjacent to us, their solar net metering programs are being expanded. We can't afford to go the other direction here in Vermont.

We urge your reconsideration of policies that will undermine this popular and successful net metering program in Vermont.

Sincerely,

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Amicus Solar Cooperative Boulder, CO

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Fairhaven Community Solar, LLC Fairhaven, VT

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Grandview Farm Derby, VT

Green Earth Energy Brandon, VT

Green Mountain Community Solar Groton, VT

Green Lantern Capital Waterbury, VT

Guilford Center Road Community Solar, LLC Guilford, VT

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Norwich Technologies Norwich, VT

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Stickney Brook Community Solar, LLC Dummerston, VT

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