



North Carolina General Assembly
Senate

SENATOR TODD JOHNSON
35TH DISTRICT

June 10, 2020

RE: Docket No. EL20-42-000

The Honorable Neil Chatterjee, Chairman
The Honorable Richard Glick, Commissioner
The Honorable Bernard L. McNamee, Commissioner
The Honorable James Danly
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20426

Dear Commissioners,

Due to my experience in the North Carolina State Legislature, I would like to express my apprehension regarding the recent petition filed with FERC, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission by NERA, the New England Ratepayers Association.

The petition's objective to assert jurisdiction over any on-site, behind-the-meter generation that injects energy into the grid would take control away from individual states and put it in the hands of the federal government. Currently, states are in charge of setting their own rules for solar energy generated whether residential, commercial, or municipal. If FERC accepts the NERA petition, it could mean significantly less compensation for our homes, businesses, and municipalities. It would also likely lead to a delay in solar energy developments, resulting in substantial job and economic losses.

I strongly encourage you to deny the NERA petition (Docket No. EL20-42-000). Each state has various energy resources and regulations that are specific to that individual state. It would be devastating for solar energy to remove North Carolina's authority over net metering and our ability to set reasonable rates for the people of our state.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Todd Johnson".

Senator Todd Johnson
NC Senate – District 35

