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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20426

ATTN: The Honorable Neil Chatterjee
The Honorable Richard Glick
The Honorable Bernard McNamee
The Honorable James Danly

RE: Request to Deny Docket EL20-42-000 Petition

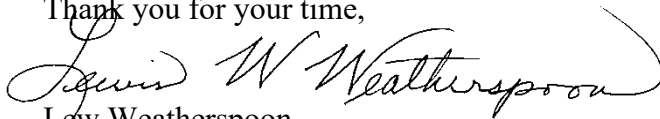
Dear Commissioners,

I adamantly oppose the New England Ratepayers Association (NERA) petition – Docket EL20-42-000. This petition to change the net metering regulations from a state issue to a federal issue would be detrimental to North Carolina. Requiring that FERC declare authorization over all state net metering, commercial or otherwise, would be taking a giant step back for clean energy. Further, federalizing rooftop solar would upset our economy in ways we cannot afford right now.

North Carolina has established itself as a southern leader in the clean energy industry. From the creation of jobs to cost savings for North Carolinians, we have proven that not only can we regulate our energy policy through our elected officials, but that we can lead the charge on such a significant issue.

For these reasons, I hope FERC will deny the NERA petition with the understanding that this is a state's rights issue. Each state is different when it comes to power generation, we cannot implement a blanket policy without expecting negative consequences. Let's keep the clean energy industry robust by leaving the role of setting fair rates to each individual state.

Thank you for your time,



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