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Governor Kelly Ayotte

State of New Hampshire

Via email: governorayotte@nh.gov

Dear Governor Ayotte,

In October 2023 the Town of Carroll Energy Commission was formed to advise, encourage, and facilitate energy conservation, energy efficiency, and clean energy solutions for public buildings and properties, businesses, and residences. To that end, on behalf of the Town of Carroll NH, the Commission applied and was approved for a Municipal Solar Grant from the New Hampshire Department of Energy to install a solar PV (photovoltaic) system project on its Public Safety Building. Due to the worsening status of this funding opportunity Carroll is faced with an uncertain future for the solar PV system project.

A brief summary of our solar PV system project:

- System size: 59.6 kW DC / 142 panels mounted on the Public Safety Building. (We have recently expended \$1,750 for a structural engineer's review and approval for the load bearing integrity of the roof)
- The proposed annual solar generation, 64,000 kWh, will meet 100% of the building's annual kWh use.
- Financials:
 - Project cost: \$151,766
 - Funding sources
 - \$86,236 - Municipal Solar Grant (57% of the project cost)
 - \$45,530 - IRS 30% Elective Pay
 - \$10,000 - NH DOE Municipal Solar Grant Program
 - \$10,000 - 2023 Town of Carroll Energy Efficiency Capital Reserve Fund,
 - These funding sources total \$151,766, equaling the project cost
- In order for the project to move forward a warrant article appeared on the ballot of the 2025 Town Meeting and was approved by 78% of the voters.

Contingent on future electric utility rates, this proposed system will save the Town of Carroll approximately \$375,000 over 25 years. These savings, when realized, will strengthen the Town's trust in the Commission to develop and propose additional energy savings / energy conservation projects.

Carroll is now facing an unpredictable and uncomfortable situation. Further delays of the Municipal Solar Grant will jeopardize the availability of contractors, timelines and schedules, product availability and the IRS Elective Pay. Thus, the entire project is at risk.

We respectfully urge you to work with the Department of Energy to ensure that our grant is issued and our project can proceed in a timely manner.

Sincerely,


Bonnie Moroney, Chair Carroll Select Board


William Vecchio, Chair Carroll Energy Commission

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