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**Net-Metering Objections:** Hyde Park Electric (“HPE”) provided Letters of Objection to the Public Utility Commission for four 2021 net-metering applications. We must face the realities of today.

Overtime, the addition of small residential systems takes HPE to the point that engineering and financial logic requires HPE to object to future net-metering. We have asked the Public Utility Commission to hold future net-metering customers fully responsible for necessary engineering studies and system upgrades. We have received notice from an attorney that applicants object.

Cumulative net-metering incrementally impacts HPE’s infrastructure. Unless regulators react positively to our appeal, there will be a point at which the next small solar net-metering system will tip the scale, causing negative impacts to equipment and wiring. Infrastructure replacements will be then be paid by all ratepayers. It is not necessary. HPE recognizes that municipal renewables combined with dispatchable storage is the cost-effective resilient future.

**How much does net-metering cost other ratepayers today?**
In a report prepared by Energy New England (“ENE”) for HPE to respond to the Public Service Department’s information request, ENE detailed about **$56,000 in above-market costs in 2020**. These added costs more greatly impact lower income HPE customers who pay a higher percentage of income for electricity. $56,000 does not include administrative or billing costs, which are substantial added expenses. **Should ratepayers pay more so that others can profit?**