

Exhibit CS-BW-16

*Email from VT DHP and
February 11, 2015 DHP Letter*

Brad Wilson

From: Dillon, Scott <Scott.Dillon@vermont.gov>
Sent: Thursday, November 16, 2017 3:51 PM
To: Brad Wilson
Cc: ACCD - Project Review
Subject: RE: Chelsea Solar Project
Attachments: Chelsea Solar LLC 500 Apple Hill Rd VDHP 2-11-15 Comment.pdf

Hi Brad- This is to confirm that the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation (VDHP) has reviewed the revised site plan for the Chelsea Solar project dated 10-25-17 and did not identify any concerns with historic sites. As you know, the VDHP reviewed the initial iteration of this project from 2013 – 2015 and provided a comment letter indicating no effect to historic sites. That letter is attached here and it is our understanding that it may not have been submitted as part of the record at the then PSB. We will provide an updated letter confirming our conclusion of No Adverse Effect once the Petition for the current project is filed with the Public Utility Commission. Thanks, Scott

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From: Brad Wilson [mailto:brad.wilson@ecosrenewable.com]
Sent: Friday, October 27, 2017 12:37 PM
To: Dillon, Scott <Scott.Dillon@vermont.gov>
Subject: Chelsea Solar Project

Hi Scott-

Following up to our conversation about the Chelsea project in Bennington. I've attached a PDF copy of the clearing plan and site design that we intend to propose in our upcoming petition filing. Also, if it is useful, here is a link to download a zip file that contains a CAD version of the site plan: <https://ecosenergy.box.com/s/57kcpvv772o2nvc5m7cqio4xfor21zr>

As we discussed, would you be able to re-review this site, considering this updated project design, and let me know if you still agree with your original conclusions? If DHP concludes that the proposed project does not create any potential for adverse impacts to onsite or nearby offsite cultural/historical resources, then it would be much appreciated to get an official letter back that describes those conclusions. We would plan to enter such a letter as evidence in our petition filing to demonstrate compliance with the relevant Section 248 criteria and to demonstrate there is no need for any cultural or historic resource mitigation.

Let me know if you have any questions – thanks!

-Brad

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February 11, 2015

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Re: Petition of Chelsea Solar LLC pursuant to 30 V.S.A § 248 for a Certificate of Public Good authorizing the installation and operation of a 2.0 MW AC solar electric generation facility to be known as the Chelsea Solar Project, 500 Apple Hill Road, Bennington, Vermont. Public Service Board Docket No. 8302.

Dear Mr. Melone:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above-referenced project.

The Division for Historic Preservation (VDHP) is reviewing this undertaking for purposes of 30 V.S.A., Section 248. The purpose of the VDHP's comments is to provide the Public Service Board (PSB) with the necessary information for their Section 248 review. Project review consists of identifying the project's potential impacts to historic buildings, structures, historic districts, historic landscapes and settings, and known or potential archeological resources.

The proposed project consists of the construction of a 2.0 MW solar electric generation facility to be known as the Chelsea Solar Project on an approximately 15 acre portion of a 27.3 acre parcel of land located east of US Route 7 in Bennington, Vermont. The project's physical address is identified as 500 Apple Hill Road, Bennington, Vermont. The facility will consist of solar photovoltaic panels placed on fixed tilt racking systems ground mounted in direct drilled 8" bore holes with grouting cement. Related infrastructure includes a perimeter fence, underground electrical connections from the arrays to a centrally located equipment pad for the inverter and transformer systems, as well as monitoring, communication, and protection equipment. A permanent access road will be constructed to serve the project from Apple Hill Road utilizing access easements across two intervening properties. A temporary construction access driveway will be also be constructed from the project area to Willow Road to the south. The project will interconnect to the existing Green Mountain Power distribution system along East Road via a new overhead electrical line placed on approximately 21 new utility poles placed along Willow and Hewitt Roads.



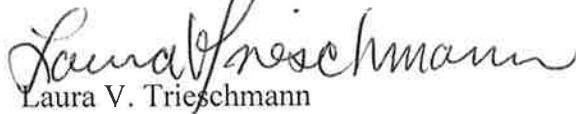
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No archaeological sites or archaeologically sensitive area were identified in the project area during a site visit to the project area on December 13, 2013. The VDHP has also reviewed the Petitioner's pre-filed and supplemental testimony, including the June 2014 *Aesthetics Assessment Report* and September 26, 2014 *Supplemental Aesthetic Assessment* prepared by the SE Group. Based on these considerations, the VDHP concludes that the Chelsea Solar Project will have **No Effect** on any historic sites listed in or eligible for inclusion in the State Register of Historic Places.

Thank you for your cooperation in protecting Vermont's irreplaceable historic and archeological heritage. R. Scott Dillon and James P. Duggan reviewed this project and prepared this letter. I concur with the findings and conclusions described above.

Sincerely:

VERMONT DIVISION FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Laura V. Trieschmann".

Laura V. Trieschmann

State Historic Preservation Officer

Cc: Scott Michael Mapes, SMM Environmental Consulting