

**STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Petition of Chelsea Solar LLC, pursuant to)
30 V.S.A. § 248, for a certificate of public)
good authorizing the installation and)
operation of the “Chelsea Solar Project,” a)
2.0 MW solar electric generation facility)
located off Willow Road in Bennington,)
Vermont)

Docket No. 17-5024-PET

SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL PREFILED DIRECT TESTIMONY
OF BRAD WILSON
ON BEHALF OF PETITIONER

February 14, 2018

EXHIBITS

Exhibit CS-BW-28

Amended Site Plan

1 **Q1. Please state your name, occupation, and business address.**

2 A1. My name is Brad Wilson. I am a Project Developer at Ecos Energy LLC (“Ecos”). My
3 business address is 222 South 9th Street, Suite 1600, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402.

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5 **Q2. What is the purpose of your testimony?**

6 A2. This second supplemental testimony introduces an amended version of the site plan for the
7 Chelsea Solar Project (the “Project”).

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9 **Q3. Please describe the amended site plans for the Project.**

10 A3. An amended site plan for the Project is included as ***Exhibit CS-BW-28***. The amended site
11 plan is identical to the original site plan for the Project (***Exhibit CS-IJ-2***) with the exception of
12 two additions: (i) a vehicle gate added to the Project’s eastern fenceline, and (ii) an alternate
13 location identified for the Project’s grid interconnection equipment pad. These two added features
14 can be easily identified on ***Exhibit CS-BW-28***. These features are located entirely within the
15 boundaries for the Project that have already been described and evaluated; these features are not
16 located in “new” development areas. The eastern gate would allow vehicle access to the Project
17 from the property located to the east of the Project site. The eastern gate would be covered by the
18 same partially-opaque mesh screening material that has already been described for the entirety of
19 the eastern fenceline. The alternate interconnection equipment pad location allows utility access
20 of the grid interconnection equipment directly from Willow Road rather than utilizing the Project’s
21 access driveway. This is the same equipment pad that has already been described, only in a
22 different location. An underground electric cable would connect the interconnection pad location

1 to the Project's central equipment pad via the cleared Project access corridor that has already been
2 described. The Project's proposed clearing boundaries have not been altered.

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4 **Q4. Why were these features added to the Project site plans?**

5 A4. These features allow for alternative post-construction operations and maintenance access
6 to the Project from the north utilizing Apple Hill Road. This alternative access scenario
7 addresses the concern raised by neighbor Libby Harris in docket 17-4695-PET, who has objected
8 to access from the south off of Willow Road. The adjoining property to the east is owned by the
9 same company that owns the Project property, and the Petitioner will be granted access across
10 that adjacent property to Apple Hill Road. Project site preparation and construction traffic would
11 continue to utilize Willow Road as requested by Libby Harris and the Apple Hill Homeowners
12 Association, as described in my earlier testimony.

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14 **Q5. Does this conclude your testimony?**

15 A5. Yes.