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Judith Whitney
Clerk of the Commission
112 State Street
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Re: **Docket 8454 PET – Rebuttal Testimony of Michael Buscher**

Dear Ms. Whitney:

On August 10, 2018, Petitioner filed the rebuttal testimony of Michael Buscher. Petitioner has just discovered that due to an administrative error, the Petitioner mistakenly uploaded Mark Kane's testimony attached to the cover sheet of Michael Buscher. As such, we are updating ePUC with the correct filing.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Very truly yours,

Michael Melone

**STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD**

Petition of Chelsea Solar LLC, pursuant to 30	)	
V.S.A. § 248, for a certificate of public good	)	
authorizing the installation and operation the	)	Case No. 17-5024-PET
“Chelsea Solar Project,” a 2.0 MW solar	)	
electric generation facility to be located off	)	
Willow Road in Bennington, Vermont	)	

**PREFILED TESTIMONY OF
MICHAEL J. BUSCHER
ON BEHALF OF PETITIONER**

August 10, 2018

EXHIBITS

Exhibit CS-MB-1	Résumé of Michael J. Buscher
Exhibit CS-MB-2	Aesthetic and Orderly Development Analysis Report
Exhibit CS-MB-3	Appendix A: Project Maps 1-3
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Q1. Please state your name, occupation and business address.

A1. My name is Michael J. Buscher. I am a professional landscape architect and owner of T.J. Boyle Associates, LLC, Landscape Architects and Planning Consultants, 301 College Street, Burlington, Vermont 05401.

Q2. Please describe your educational background and work experience.

A2. I received my bachelor's degree in Landscape Architecture from the Department of Landscape Architecture at the Pennsylvania State University in 1998, an accredited five-year degree program. After graduating, I worked as a landscape architect in the greater Washington D.C. metropolitan area. In 2001, I moved to Vermont and joined T.J. Boyle Associates. In 2007, I became the owner of the firm. During my time with T.J. Boyle Associates, I have worked on a variety of projects; many projects that I have worked on and/or managed have included visual resource and orderly development assessments. A copy of my resume is attached as Exhibit CS-MB-1.

Q3. Have you previously testified before the Public Service Board or in other judicial or administrative proceedings?

A3. Yes. Within Vermont, I have testified before local development review boards and planning commissions, Act 250 district environmental commissions, the Vermont Environmental Court, and the Public Service Board. I have also provided testimony before the New York State Department of Public Service and the Department of Environmental Conservation.

Q4. What is the purpose of your testimony?

A4. My testimony addresses 30 V.S.A. § 248(b)(1) (Orderly Development of the Region) and 30 V.S.A § 248(b)(5) & 10 V.S.A. § 6086(a)(8) (Aesthetics), presented and summarized in our Aesthetic and Orderly Development Analysis Report (“Report”) for the Chelsea Solar Project (“Project”), which was prepared under my direction. The Report describes the visual analysis undertaken by T.J. Boyle Associates to assess visual change due to the planned Project, and determines whether any changes create adverse or unduly adverse impacts to the visual character of the area and viewshed around the Project. The report also evaluates any specific land conservation or other measures contained in the Town Plan and Regional Plan regarding orderly development of the region that would pertain to the Project. Our Report is included with this filing as Exhibits CS-MB-2 through CS-MB-7.

Q5. Will the Project result in an undue adverse effect on the aesthetics of the area?

A5. No, the Project will not have an undue adverse effect on the aesthetics of the area. This conclusion is clearly explained and supported by our report.

Q6. Will the Project unduly interfere with orderly development of the region and any land conservation measures contained in the municipal or regional plans?

A6. No, the Project will not unduly interfere with orderly development of the region. This conclusion is clearly explained and supported by our report.

1 **Q7. Does this conclude your testimony at this time?**

2 A7. Yes, it does.