

**STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Application of MHG Solar LLC for a certificate)
of public good, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. §§ 8010)
and 248, to install and operate a 500 kW group)
net-metered solar electric generation facility) Case No. 20-____-NMP
located off Richville Road in Manchester,)
Vermont, to be known as the “Richville Road)
Solar Project”)

AFFIDAVIT OF LUCY THAYER

1. My name is Lucy Thayer. I am a licensed landscape architect for Trudell Consulting Engineers (“TCE”), an engineering, environmental, and consulting firm located at 478 Blair Park Road, in Williston, Vermont.

2. I earned my Bachelor of Science degree in Landscape Architecture from Cornell University and an AAS in Landscape Development and Ornamental Horticulture from Vermont Technical College. I have worked for planning, design and engineering firms for the past 9 years. I have provided prefiled testimony before the Vermont Public Utility Commission (“Commission” or “PUC”) for SolarSense VT XXII (Case No. 19-2500), Warner Solar (Case No. 19-0516) as well as visual impact and aesthetic review for Derby New Cingular Wireless PSC (Case No. 19-3511). Additionally, I have contributed to a number of visual impact assessments, visual simulations, and aesthetic analyses and reports that have been submitted to and reviewed by the Commission.

3. I was retained to assess the Richville Road Solar Project (“Project”), a 500 kW group net-metered solar electric generation facility proposed to be located on property leased by MHG Solar LLC off Richville Road in Manchester, Vermont. Specifically, I evaluated the Project’s compliance with the requirements of Section 248 with regard to aesthetics (30 V.S.A. § 248(b)(5) and 10 V.S.A. § 6086(a)(8)).

4. On November 17, 2019, I visited the Project site and surrounding areas in order to inventory and photograph the visual resources in the area and the proposed Project’s viewshed.

5. I also reviewed the Town and Regional Plans to identify any clear, written community standard intended to preserve the aesthetics or scenic, natural beauty of the area.

6. Based on my assessment and analysis under the Quechee test set forth in PUC Rule 5.112, I conclude that the Project will not have an undue adverse impact on aesthetics.

7. My findings and conclusions are documented in my Aesthetic Assessment Report, which is submitted in this proceeding as *Exhibit MHG-LT-1*.

8. MHG's proposed Landscape Mitigation Plan is submitted in this proceeding as *Exhibit MHG-LT-2*.

I declare that the above statement is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that if the above statement is false, I may be subject to sanctions by the Commission for contempt.

Lucy Thayer


