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To: ["Martha Staskus"; Whitney, Judith; James Fountain](#)
Cc: [Jeffrey Castle; Debra-Ann Bocash; Pulaski, Ludwig; Fitzgerald, Mark; Clithero, Toni](#)
Subject: NECR - PUC Net- Metering Application 20-3715-AN – Putney Green Acres Solar LLC at Putney, VT,- OBJECTION - Putney, Windham County, VT - Palmer Sub MP 131.28
Date: Friday, January 8, 2021 10:37:51 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
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Dear Ms. Staskas:

Please note that Genesee & Wyoming Railroad Services, Inc. is an affiliate of New England Central Railroad, Inc. (NECR), and that this letter is sent on its behalf. Per our January 5, 2021 phone conversation, it has come to the attention of NECR and CV Properties Incorporated (CVP – owner of railroad corridor) that Putney Green Acres Solar LLC (You) proposes to use an undocumented private farm crossing in Putney, Windham County, VT that extends over NECR / CVP's operating railroad corridor, with a parallel access drive extending 1,300 feet north, straddling the railroad corridor and I-91 property to River Road. (see attached exhibits)

Please understand that the operating railroad corridor typically has six (6) trains a day – two (2) Amtrak trains travelling at speeds of up to 70 MPH and four (4) freight trains travelling at speeds of up to 40 MPH.

Per our prior conversation on January 5, 2021 and e-mail communication on September 3, 2020, after a thorough review of its files, NECR has no record that a crossing was established at this location for private use by You or any other party.

If You have documentation supporting the position that You have rights granted to cross the CVP / NECR corridor, please provide a copy of such document(s) to my attention ASAP.

If we do not receive any documentation from You supporting your use of the crossing within thirty (30) days of receipt of this letter, NECR will then assume that no such documentation exists and take whatever measures may be required to ensure the future safety of the railroad, including the removal of the crossing.

Should You be unable to provide proper crossing documentation, while the crossing is closed, You may apply for a crossing. The process is on link https://www.gwrr.com/real_estate/grade_crossings

Green Mountain Power should be familiar with the application process to obtain a license to cross railroad property. The process is detailed on https://www.gwrr.com/real_estate/utility_occupancies

As You have many unresolved issues and are creating significant safety concerns, we are contacting Vermont's Public Utility Commission to request a delay and/or hearing to stop the pending Net- Metering Application 20-3715-AN – Putney Green Acres Solar LLC at Putney, VT, to allow You to properly address them.

If you have any questions, please call me at (904) 900-6307 or via email at steve.hannan@gwrr.com.

Sincerely,

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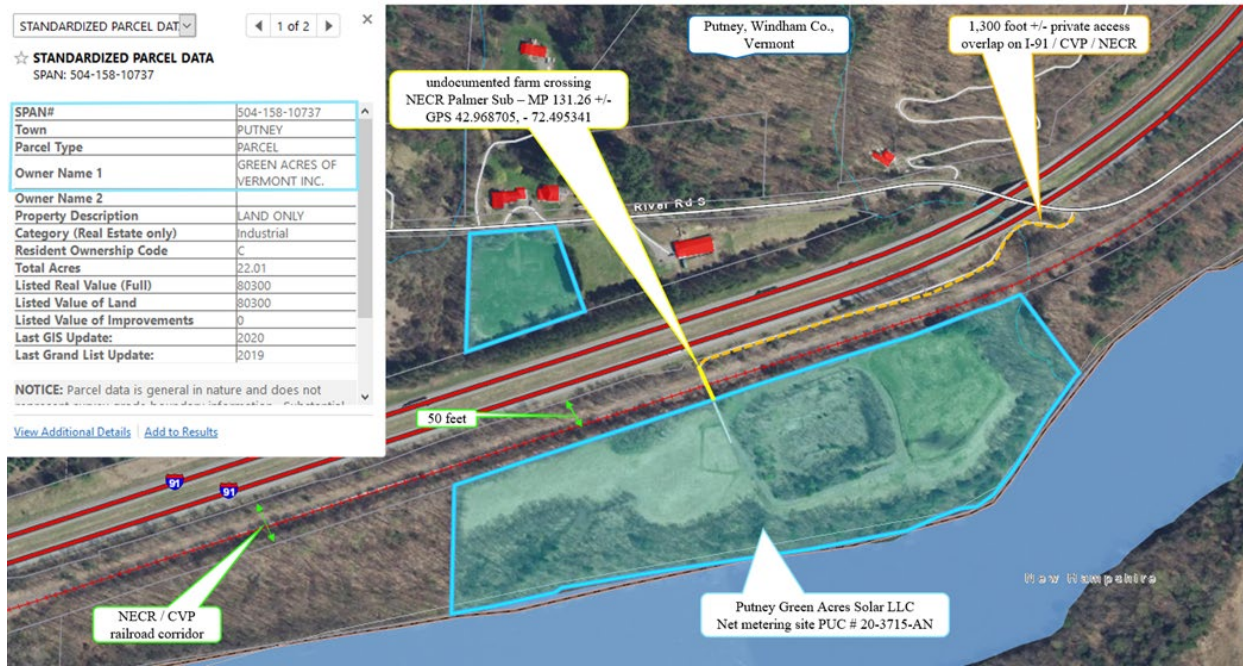
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From: Steve Hannan
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Subject: NECR - Palmer Sub - MP 131.29 +/- Putney Green Acres solar

Hi Martha –

I presume you have confirmed that Putney Paper is providing you with good legal access over New England Central Railroad (NECR) operating tracks at location shown below (red arrow).

Green Mountain Power will know the process to submit an application for a utility line crossing, which you can find on our web site – https://gwrr.com/real_estate/utility_occupancies

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To: Steve Hannan <steve.hannan@gwrr.com>

Subject: Putney Green Acres solar

Hi Steve,

Thanks for the return call.

The owners of the Putney Paper landfill are looking to sell their property. We are under contract to purchase the property, with a couple of contingencies, including getting electric to the site. There is currently only road access to the site via a crossing of the railroad as illustrated on the attached site plan. We are looking to install solar on the parcel which will require Green Mountain Power, the local utility, to run a line extension from River Road, along the existing access to the Putney Paper parcel.

What does the railroad need for GMP to do this?

Thanks, Martha

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