

STATE OF VERMONT  
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Case No. 21-\_\_\_\_-NMP

Petition of Putney Green Acres Solar LLC, )  
pursuant to 30 V.S.A. §§ 248 and 8010, for a )  
certificate of public good to install and operate a )  
500 kW (AC) solar electric generation facility to be )  
located in Putney, Vermont )

PETITION FOR A NET-METERING CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC GOOD

NOW COMES, Putney Green Acres Solar LLC (“PGAS” or the “Applicant”) by and through the undersigned counsel and petitions the Vermont Public Utility Commission (PUC) for a certificate of public good (CPG), pursuant to 30 V.S.A. §§ 248 and 8010 and PUC Rule 5.100, for the installation of a 500 kW (AC) photovoltaic net-metering system to be located in Putney, Vermont. In support of the petition, the Applicant states as follows:

1. Applicant’s Legal Name, Mailing Address, VT Business Registration Number:

Putney Green Acres Solar, LLC  
15 Railroad Row, Suite 101  
White River Junction, VT 05001  
VT Business # 0373557

2. Name and Address of Host Landowner:

Green Acres of Vermont, Inc.  
130 Sullivan St.  
Claremont, NH 03743

3. Names and Addresses of Adjoining Landowners:

See CPG Application Paper Copy Service List filed in ePUC with this Petition.

**This document has been electronically filed via ePUC.**

4. Advance Notice Certification

See Counsel's Certification re: Advance Notice Requirements & PUC Case No. 20-3715-AN.

5. Description of Applicant and Project

The Project is a ground-mounted 500 kW (AC) solar array proposed for A capped landfill off River Road South in Putney, Vermont. See Prefiled Testimony of Martha Staskus at 2-6 filed with this Petition and Exhibit PGAS-MS-2.

6. Compliance with Section 248(s) Solar Setbacks

The Project complies with the setbacks for solar projects required by 30 V.S.A. § 248(s). See the site plan filed with this Petition as Exhibit PGAS-MS-2.

7. Municipal Screening Ordinance

The host municipality does not have a solar screening ordinance applicable to the Project.

8. RECs

The Applicant will transfer to Green Mountain Power, for retirement, all RECs associated with the output of the proposed net-metering system.

9. Act 250 Permit

No Act 250 Permit currently burdens the host property.

10. Site Plan, Elevation Drawings

A site plan and elevation drawing of the project as required by Rule 5.107(C)(5) and (6) are included as Exhibits PGAS-MS-2 and PGAS-MS-3 with the Prefiled Testimony of Martha Staskus.

11. Prefiled Testimony and Exhibits

In accordance with Rule 5.107(C)(7), each of the Section 248 review criteria applicable to the Applicant's proposal are addressed in the prefiled testimony and exhibits filed with this Petition.

12. Town and Regional Plan Excerpts

Copies of the relevant sections of the Town of Putney town plan and the Windham Regional Plan are included together in Exhibit PGAS-MS-6 beginning at page 12 as Appendix A, B, and C.

13. Wetland Delineation

There are no wetlands proximate to the Project site as explained in Exhibit PGAS-DB-2 offered with the Prefiled Testimony of Dori Barton.

14. Interconnection

A letter from the interconnecting utility (Green Mountain Power) was obtained and is filed with the Feasibility Study as Exhibit PGAS-MS-7.

15. Responses to 45-Day Notice Comments

A summary of comments received in response to the 45-day advance notice is provided in the Prefiled Testimony of Martha Staskus. See also Exhibit PGAS-MS-10.

16. Decommissioning Plan

The Project will comply with the Commission's decommissioning Rule 5.904(A), by removing all Project equipment from the site once the Project is no longer in service, and will restore the site to its condition prior to installation of the facility to the greatest extent practicable. The prefiled testimony of Martha Staskus includes the decommissioning plan.

17. Status as "Preferred Site"

The Project is located on a "preferred site" as defined by Commission Rule 5.103 because it is proposed for a sanitary landfill certified by the Agency of Natural Resources as suitable for solar.

18. Proposed Findings, Order and CPG

An order with proposed findings of fact and a proposed CPG as required by Rule 5.107(C)(7) is provided as with this Petition.

19. Filing via ePUC

This Petition and supporting prefiled testimony and exhibits are being

filed electronically via ePUC.

WHEREFORE, Putney Green Acres Solar, LLC respectfully requests that the Vermont Public Utility Commission:

- A. Issue a determination that this Petition is administratively complete;
- B. Issue a certificate of public good for the project as described in this Petition and the supporting prefiled testimony and exhibits filed with the Petition without hearing; and
- C. Issue any such further relief that the Commission deems just and proper.

Dated at Castleton, Vermont this 27th day of January, 2021.

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