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Holly Anderson, Clerk
Vermont Public Utility Commission
112 State Street
Montpelier, VT 05602-2701

Re: Application of rbTechnologies, LLC pursuant to 30 V.S.A §§ 219a and 248 for a Certificate of Public Good authorizing the installation and operation of a 44.2 kW ground mounted solar installation located at 1970 Route 14 South, East Montpelier, Vermont. Public Utility Commission Case 21-1054-NM.

Dear Ms Anderson:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above-referenced project. The Division for Historic Preservation (VDHP) is reviewing this undertaking for purposes of 30 V.S.A., Section 248. Project review consists of identifying the project's potential impacts to historic buildings, structures, historic districts, historic landscapes and settings, and known or potential archeological resources. The purpose of the VDHP's comments is to provide the Public Utility Commission (PUC) with the necessary information for their Section 248 review.

The proposed project is described as the construction of a 44.2 kW ground-mounted solar generation facility located at 1970 Route 14 South in East Montpelier. The project consists of two rows of fixed solar panels mounted to racking supported by driven posts. Trenching for electrical connection will run along each row and continue along the east side of Route 14 South, interconnecting to existing service located in front of rbTechnologies building.

A desk review of the project area confirms that the site is significantly disturbed and is unlikely to contain important intact archaeological sites. In addition to our archaeological review, the VDHP has considered the effects of the project on above ground historic structures, districts, and landscapes. There are no above ground historic resources in the vicinity of the project.



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Based on the materials submitted for review and the above considerations, the VDHP concludes that the Project will have **No Effect** on any historic sites listed in or eligible for inclusion in the State Register of Historic Places. Thank you for your cooperation in protecting Vermont's irreplaceable historic and archeological heritage. Elizabeth Peebles and Yvonne Benney Basque reviewed this project and prepared this letter. I concur with the findings and conclusions described above.

Sincerely,

VERMONT DIVISION FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION

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