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Holly Anderson, Clerk
Vermont Public Utility Commission
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Re: Application of Randolph Davis Solar, LLC requesting a certificate of public good, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. §§ 248 and 8010 authorizing the installation and operation of a 500 kW net-metering solar generation facility at Davis Road, Randolph, Vermont. Public Utility Commission Case 21-2939-NMP.

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 500 kW ground-mounted solar generation facility located at Davis Road in Randolph. The project consists of multiple rows of fixed solar panels mounted to racking supported by driven posts. Electrical connection will run underground along each row before connecting to an above ground, pole mounted inverter and then via three new utility poles to existing distribution line. The installation will be surrounded by an 8-foot wildlife fence. Tree clearing will be necessary, and a new access drive will be constructed from Davis Road.

A desk review of the project area confirms that the site 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. No above-ground historic resources will be affected by this project due to the limited visibility of the proposed facility. 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.



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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,

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