

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Case No. 23-3922-PET

Petition of Putney Green Acres Solar, LLC to extend commissioning deadline for certificate of public good #21-0401-NMP	
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Order entered: 12/22/2023

INFORMATION REQUEST

On September 8, 2021, the Vermont Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) issued a certificate of public good (“CPG”) to Putney Green Acres Solar, LLC (the “CPG Holder”), pursuant to 30 V.S.A. §§ 248 and 8010, for a 500 kW ground-mounted solar net-metered system (the “Project”) in Putney, Vermont.

Commission Rule 5.110(C) establishes that if a net-metering system is not commissioned within one year of the date a CPG is issued, the CPG shall be revoked unless otherwise ordered by the Commission. Accordingly, the initial commissioning deadline for the Project was September 7, 2022.

On February 24, 2022, the commissioning deadline for the Project was extended until September 6, 2023, as part of a blanket extension ordered by the Commission in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.¹

Because the Project was not commissioned by September 6, 2023, the CPG for the Project was revoked on the following day.

On November 21, 2023, the CPG Holder filed a request for a waiver of Commission Rule 5.110(C) and an extension of time to commission the Project after the commissioning deadline had expired and the CPG revoked.

The Commission reviews such requests for extensions of commissioning deadlines under a two-part test. First, an extension request must be timely filed. Second, good cause for an extension must be demonstrated.²

¹ Case No. 20-0789-INV, Order of 2/24/22.

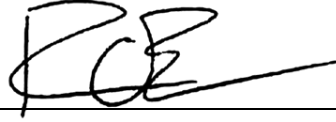
² See, e.g., *Request of Middle Road Solar LLC for extension of CPG# 18-0901-NMP*, Case No. 19-4688-PET, Order of 2/27/21 at 4.

The CPG Holder's filing included information that it contends demonstrates the required good cause for granting the requested extension. However, the request was not timely filed because it was submitted more than two months after the date on which the CPG was revoked. The CPG Holder's filing failed to explain why it was unable to submit its extension request in a timely manner.

For the Commission to give full consideration to this request, the CPG Holder must file information explaining why it was unable to file its request before the CPG expired. The CPG Holder must file this information no later than the close of business on January 5, 2023.

SO ORDERED.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont this 22nd day of December, 2023.



Rowan Cornell-Brown
Hearing Officer

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Filed: **December 22, 2023**

Attest: Pamela Lenahan

Deputy Clerk of the Commission

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