

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 )

AFFIDAVIT OF MARTHA STASKUS

1. My name is Martha Staskus. I am over 18, competent to testify, and have personal knowledge of the facts set forth herein.
2. I am the Project Manager for the Putney Green Acres Solar Project, a 500 kW solar net-metering facility sited at a paper mill sludge site formerly owned and operated by Putney Paper.
3. Since 2022, the Project has been working to obtain a complete Phase II Environmental Site Assessment and secure a Post-Closure Certification Amendment for the former landfill site. Per Condition 13 of the Project's certificate of public good (CPG), a Post-Closure Certification Amendment is required before any site preparation for the Project can commence.
4. A draft Post-Closure Certification was issued on August 8, 2023 and was subject to a thirty-day comment period that ran from August 11, 2023 to September 11, 2023. The final Certification was issued on October 11, 2023.
5. The commissioning deadline of the Project was mistakenly not the focus of the Project's attention in the late summer and fall of 2023 while focused on the issuance of the draft Post-Closure Certification and accompanying requirements. Our

focus was on working with the Department of Environmental Conservation Solid Waste Management Program to complete the complex assessment work that was necessary to secure a Post-Closure Certification Amendment, and as a result, the Project's commissioning deadline lapsed before realizing an extension of the deadline would be necessary.

6. Failing to realize the CPG would expire while the Post-Closure Certification Amendment process was pending was inadvertent. The deadline lapse was discovered when focus turned to other pre-site preparation/construction conditions after the Amendment was issued. Upon discovery, arrangements were immediately made to seek an extension from the Commission.

7. I attest that my statements are true and accurate and that I am subject to sanctions for contempt and perjury if any statement is false.



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Martha Staskus