

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Case No. 24-1898-PET

Petition of Essex A North Lot Solar, LLC for a certificate of public good, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 248, for a 3.5 MW ground-mounted solar array located in Essex Junction, Vermont	
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Order entered: 08/02/2024

PROCEDURAL ORDER REQUESTING ADDITIONAL SINGLE-PLANT INFORMATION

This proceeding concerns an application filed by Essex A North Lot Solar, LLC (“Applicant”) with the Vermont Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) for a certificate of public good (“CPG”) to construct and operate a 3.5 kW solar net-metering system in Essex Junction, Vermont (the proposed “Facility”).

The Facility is one of several that GF Power LLC (“GF Power”) has contracted with Encore Renewable Energy (“Encore”) to have designed, permitted, and constructed for the purpose of meeting GF Power’s Renewable Energy Standard (“RES”) Tier II obligations.¹ In Case No. 23-3974-PET, the Commission issued a declaratory ruling determining that, as presented in that proceeding, the facilities proposed for GlobalFoundries U.S. 2 LLC (“GlobalFoundries”), the sole customer of GF Power, would not constitute a single plant.² The Facility was identified as “Project A” in the declaratory ruling case. According to the Applicant, the Facility plans submitted in this case are identical with respect to the factors that define a single plant as the plans submitted in the declaratory ruling case.³

Currently, one other solar facility on GlobalFoundries is pending before the Commission. In Case No. 24-1683-PET, Williston F Mountain View Solar, LLC has submitted a petition for the facility identified as Project F in the declaratory ruling case. According to the materials filed in Case No. 23-3974-PET, Project A and Project F would be approximately 6,500 feet apart with an intervening existing security fence that encloses a portion of the Williston campus between the facilities. Further, these facilities would be separately metered; have separate points of interconnection; would interconnect to different existing transmission lines that are located on

¹ Jake Clark, Applicant pf. (“Clark pf.”) at 7.

² Case No. 3974-PET, Order of 1/26/24.

³ Clark pf. at 8.

the Essex and Williston campuses; and would not share any equipment, including transformers, inverters, and racking. Separate preexisting access drives would be used for “Project A” and “Project F.”

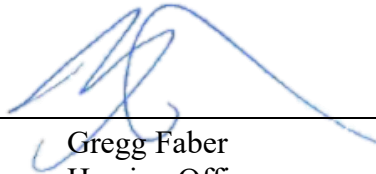
Although the Commission issued a declaratory ruling, the Commission explained that the ruling was limited to the circumstances as presented in that case. The Commission needs to confirm that the information presented in the declaratory ruling is identical in the petition cases as filed. To confirm that the Applicant’s representations are true, and to limit our single-plant determinations, when possible, it is important to clarify that all components of the single-plant test are the same as they were when the facilities were presented in the declaratory ruling case.

In addition to the testimony provided by witness Jake Clark and Exhibit EANL-JC-5, the Applicant must provide supplemental information, in the form of testimony or sworn affidavit, that addresses the factors the Commission considers in its single-plant analysis: common ownership (*e.g.*, project developers, ownership of completed projects, identity of lessees, project site landowners, contracting parties), contiguity in time of construction (*e.g.*, planning, presentations made to various groups, timing of natural resource assessments, timing of interconnection applications), proximity of facilities (*e.g.*, distance between facilities, intervening buffers, topography, and type of installations), and common equipment and infrastructure (*e.g.*, roads, access roads/paths, control facilities, connections to the electric grid, shared new or upgraded utility infrastructure). In particular, the Applicant should address whether there will be any shared equipment or infrastructure, including utility-owned upgrades or new equipment or infrastructure, that did not preexist the proposed facilities.

This supplemental information is due no later than August 16, 2024.

SO ORDERED.

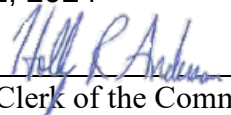
Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 2nd day of August, 2024.



Gregg Faber
Hearing Officer

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

Filed: August 2, 2024

Attest: 

Clerk of the Commission

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