

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. SECTION 248, FOR A 3.5
MW GROUND-MOUNTED SOLAR ARRAY LOCATED
IN ESSEX JUNCTION, VERMONT --

August 9, 2024
9:30 a.m.

Via videoconference

Scheduling Conference held before the
Vermont Public Utility Commission, via videoconference, on
August 9, 2024, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

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1 MR. FABER: Good morning folks. This
2 is a remote scheduling conference in Case No.
3 24-1898-PET, petition of Essex A North Lot Solar, LLC
4 requesting a Certificate of Public Good for a solar
5 facility in Williston, Vermont.

6 My name is Gregg Faber. I'm the
7 hearing officer for this proceeding. Let's start by
8 taking appearances. And we can start with you, Ms.
9 Lord, since you're first in line on my window thing
10 here.

11 MS. WILSCHEK: Mr. Hearing Officer, I
12 just want to make the correction. This project is in
13 Essex, Vermont. Not Williston, Vermont.

14 MR. FABER: Oh. I'm sorry. Yeah, my
15 mistake.

16 MS. WILSCHEK: That's okay.

17 MR. FABER: I have two of these
18 projects; one's in Williston, and one's in Essex and
19 my bad.

20 MS. WILSCHEK: I have to remind myself
21 as well.

22 MR. FABER: Yeah. There is a lot of
23 these projects. Anyway, Ms. Lord.

24 MS. LORD: Good morning. I'm Elizabeth
25 Lord representing the Agency of Natural Resources.

1 MR. FABER: Thank you. Ms. Wilschek.

2 MS. WILSCHEK: Good morning. My name
3 is Joslyn Wilschek with Wilschek Iarrapino Law
4 Office. I'm representing Essex A North Lot Solar,
5 LLC.

6 MR. FABER: Ms. Kopfler.

7 MS. WILSCHEK: I can introduce my
8 client. With me here today is Taegen Kopfler from
9 the Petitioner who may be presenting testimony in
10 this case because Jake Clark is on paternity leave.
11 So you may be seeing her name on the supplemental --
12 the responses to the hearing officer's information
13 request.

14 And also with the Petitioner here today
15 is Jackie Basile. I hope I'm pronouncing that last
16 name correctly.

17 MS. BASILE: Basile.

18 MS. WILSCHEK: Who is head of
19 development at Encore.

20 MS. BASILE: Good morning.

21 MR. FABER: Thank you. Mr. Swain.

22 MR. SWAIN: Hi, everyone. Michael
23 Swain for the Department of Public Service.

24 MR. FABER: Okay. All right. So with
25 that covered, I guess we can turn to the schedule.

1 I've seen a proposed schedule from the Petitioner.
2 It is stipulated. Everybody's fine with that or at
3 least everybody on this call is fine with it. Can I
4 assume that?

5 MS. WILSCHEK: Yes.

6 MR. FABER: Hearing no objections.

7 MS. WILSCHEK: The Petitioner
8 circulated to ANR, the Department, and the Division
9 of Historic Preservation, who have been the parties
10 that have entered notice of appearances, and they
11 approved of the schedule.

12 MR. FABER: Okay. Well this is a
13 scheduling conference. We have a schedule.
14 Everyone's agreed to it.

15 Is there anything else people want to
16 discuss at this point? The weather? Anything?
17 Nothing?

18 MS. WILSCHEK: I don't want to discuss
19 the weather. I will tell you that.

20 MR. FABER: All right. Well I'll issue
21 a scheduling order subsequent to this hearing, and I
22 guess that's it. We are adjourned folks.

23 (Whereupon, the proceeding was
24 adjourned at 9:34 a.m.)
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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Kim U. Sears, do hereby certify that I recorded by stenographic means the Scheduling Conference re: Case No. 24-1898-PET, via videoconference, on August 9, 2024, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

I further certify that the foregoing testimony was taken by me stenographically and thereafter reduced to typewriting and the foregoing 5 pages are a transcript of the stenograph notes taken by me of the evidence and the proceedings to the best of my ability.

I further certify that I am not related to any of the parties thereto or their counsel, and I am in no way interested in the outcome of said cause.

Dated at Williston, Vermont, this 10th day of August, 2024.

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kim U. Sears". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

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