

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Application of Novus Websterville Solar LLC)
for a certificate of public good, pursuant to 30)
V.S.A. §§ 8010 and 248, to install and operate a)
500 kW group net-metered solar electric) Case No. 24-____-NMP
generation facility located off Websterville Road)
in Barre, Vermont, to be known as the "Novus)
Websterville Solar Project")

Affidavit of Lucy Thayer

1. My name is Lucy Thayer. I am a licensed landscape architect for TCE, a Bowman Company, an engineering, design, and environmental consulting firm located at 478 Blair Park Road, in Williston, Vermont.
2. I am a licensed landscape architect in the State of Vermont (Registration #125.0133722). I earned a Bachelor of Science in Landscape Architecture from the Cornell University in 2011 and an AAS in Landscape Development and Ornamental Horticulture from Vermont Technical College in 2008. I have been employed by TCE since May 2019, where I practice site planning and design, construction documentation, and aesthetic reviews. My resume is included as *Exhibit NWS-L T-1*.
3. During my time at TCE, I have been involved in the planning and design of many public and private landscape and development projects throughout the state. Additionally, I have been involved in the assessment and review of many commercial scale solar Projects throughout Vermont. My involvement in these projects has included aesthetic analysis based on desktop review, field reviews and assessments, review and development of site plans, sections, and photo simulations, preparation of mitigation plans and strategies, development of written reports and testimony, and overseeing the construction and implementation of mitigation plans. I have also

presented to local town Select Boards, Development Review Boards, and Planning Commissions to present project plans and receive feedback.

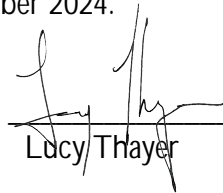
4. TCE was retained by Applicant Novus Websterville Solar LLC ("Novus Websterville") to conduct certain pre-development work related to Novus Websterville's proposed Novus Websterville Solar Project located off Websterville Road in Barre, Vermont.
5. On November 15th, I visited the Novus Websterville Solar Project site and surrounding areas in order to inventory the visual resources in the area, the proposed Project's viewshed, and to take photographs of the Project site and the area.
6. Based on this field visit and review of Project site plans provided by Novus Websterville, I have reviewed the Project's potential for aesthetic impacts under the Quechee Test to assess the Project's compliance with the Section 248 (b)(5) aesthetics criterion.
7. My findings and conclusions regarding aesthetics are documented in a report with several figures. The report is submitted in this proceeding as *Exhibit NWS-L T-2*. As detailed in my report, I conclude that the Project would not have an adverse impact on the visual aesthetics under the Quechee Test.
8. Even if the Commission were to consider the impacts adverse, when applying the second step of the Quechee Test, the Project would not create an undue adverse impact on the visual resources or scenic beauty of the area. See *Exhibit NWS-L T-2*.
9. In addition to aesthetics, I have reviewed the Project's compliance with the Section 248(b)(1) orderly development criterion. The results of my review are included in *Exhibit NWS-L T-2*, as well as relevant excerpts from the town and regional plans in the appendices to the report.
10. Having reviewed the town and regional plans and documents, and applying the standards of due consideration to the Town and Regional Plan and substantial deference to the Town and

Regional Enhanced Energy plans, I conclude that the Project does not violate any land conservation measures or other applicable provisions in the Town or Regional Plans and will not unduly interfere with the orderly development of the region. See *Exhibit NWS-LT-2*.

11. Based on my review, the Project complies with the Section 248(b)(1) orderly development and Section 248(b)(5) aesthetics criteria.

I, Lucy Thayer, declare that the affidavit and exhibits that I have sponsored are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief and were prepared by me or under my direct supervision. I understand that if the above statement is false, I may be subject to sanctions by the Commission pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 30.

Dated at Williston, Vermont on the 17th day of December 2024.



Lucy Thayer