

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

CASE NO. 24-3571-PET

PETITION OF RESERVOIR ROAD SOLAR, LLC FOR
A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC GOOD, PURSUANT TO
30 V.S.A. SECTION 248, TO CONSTRUCT AND
OPERATE A 2.375 MW SOLAR ELECTRIC GENERATION
FACILITY IN BERKSHIRE, VERMONT --

January 17, 2025
1 p.m.

Via videoconference

Scheduling Conference held before the
Vermont Public Utility Commission, via videoconference, on
January 17, 2025, beginning at 1 p.m.

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1 HEARING OFFICER KROLEWSKI: Good
2 afternoon. This is a scheduling conference in case
3 24-3571-PET, which concerns a petition of Reservoir
4 Road Solar for a Certificate of Public Good to
5 construct and operate a 2.375 megawatt solar facility
6 in Berkshire, Vermont.

7 Commission has appointed me hearing
8 officer in this matter. And I, instead of going
9 around with appearances, I'm just going to note who
10 is here on the schedule for the record -- in the
11 conference for the record.

12 So for Reservoir Solar it looks like
13 Ms. Westgate, Mr. Brennan and Mr. Carlson are here.
14 And for the Department it's Mr. Porter. And for the
15 -- for ANR it is Mr. Einhorn. I think I have
16 everybody who is on the conference.

17 So a proposed schedule was filed a day
18 or two ago, and it looks like everybody agrees with
19 that schedule, I think.

20 I had one or two suggestions on the
21 schedule that I thought I would discuss. So in
22 general, the dates worked fine for the commission, me
23 as hearing officer. One thing I thought maybe was
24 that the deadline for requests for a site visit and
25 public hearing should be the same as the motions to

1 intervene. I think that's sort of consistent with
2 other cases. So I thought if nobody objected to
3 that, then I would just merge those two dates to the
4 later date, so the February 14th deadline.

5 And then also some cases, and we don't
6 have to necessarily, we put a placeholder for in case
7 a site visit or a public hearing is requested. And I
8 was thinking maybe we could put a placeholder week
9 just to make sure people's -- if one is requested, I
10 understand people's vacation schedules or whatever
11 and other things that might hold -- might conflict
12 with that. So I don't have any strong preferences
13 about what would be a good date, but maybe something
14 like some week in March maybe. I don't know. I
15 don't know if people have strong feelings, but I
16 think it's easier if people end up requesting a
17 hearing they know, you know, what week we were
18 thinking of for that in the schedule.

19 MS. WESTGATE: Speaking for the
20 Petitioner, we have no objection to merging the
21 motion to intervene deadline with the site visit and
22 public hearing request, and I think that sounds fine
23 to, you know, sort of tentatively plan a time for
24 where those events would be held. And I will check,
25 you know, subject to confirmation with Encore or Sam,

1 maybe you can just speak up if you have any
2 conflicts. But I don't think we would have any
3 conflicts in March if you wanted to hold --

4 MR. CARLSON: March is fine for Encore.

5 HEARING OFFICER KROLEWSKI: And I would
6 think the schedule will just say the week of. You
7 know, one week in March.

8 And then, again, I'll just also say
9 that it is possible that, like, a public hearing
10 could be held virtually, too. So even if one's
11 requested we might not schedule it in person. So,
12 you know, especially if no site visit is requested.

13 All right. I'll just pick a week in
14 March that kind of works for my schedule for the most
15 part. And then just note that in the -- in the order
16 for the schedule that that's a tentative date.

17 Other than that, I mean the schedule
18 looks fine to me, so I'm happy to adopt it with that
19 changes. So anything else we needed to discuss
20 today?

21 MS. WESTGATE: Not from the Petitioner.

22 HEARING OFFICER KROLEWSKI: Okay. Well
23 great. I appreciate that you filed the schedule in
24 advance of the hearing -- today's hearing. So
25 thanks. And we are adjourned.

(Whereupon, the proceeding was
adjourned at 1:07 p.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. 24-3571-PET, via videoconference, on January 17, 2025, beginning at 1 p.m.

I further certify that the foregoing testimony was taken by me stenographically and thereafter reduced to typewriting and the foregoing 6 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 18th day of January, 2025.

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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