

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

CASE NO. 25-0895-PET

PETITION OF ER DUNSMORE, LLC FOR A CERTIFICATE
OF PUBLIC GOOD, PURSUANT TO 30 V.S.A. SECTION
248, AUTHORIZING THE INSTALLATION AND OPERATION
OF A 4.95 MW SOLAR ELECTRIC GENERATION FACILITY
IN THE TOWN OF ST. ALBANS, VERMONT --

June 26, 2025
7 p.m.

Via videoconference

Public Hearing held before the Vermont
Public Utility Commission, via videoconference, on June
26, 2025, beginning at 7 p.m.

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1 HEARING OFFICER SKIDMORE: So good
2 evening, and thank you for being here. This is a
3 Vermont Public Utility Commission public hearing in
4 Case No. 25-0895-PET. This concerns a petition of ER
5 Dunsmore, LLC for a Certificate of Public Good
6 authorizing the installation and operation of a 4.95
7 megawatt solar electric generation facility in the
8 Town of St. Albans, Vermont filed on May 5, 2025.

9 My name is Wes Skidmore, and the
10 commission has appointed me to serve as the hearing
11 officer in this proceeding.

12 There are representatives from ER
13 Dunsmore, LLC here. Could you please introduce
14 yourself for the record?

15 MS. KOPFLER: My name is Taegen Kopfler
16 with ER Dunsmore, LLC.

17 MS. WESTGATE: Victoria Westgate from
18 SRH representing ER Dunsmore, LLC.

19 HEARING OFFICER SKIDMORE: Okay. Thank
20 you both. And is someone else from Encore present
21 tonight?

22 MS. KOPFLER: Rebecca is here with
23 Encore. I'm not sure if she was --

24 HEARING OFFICER SKIDMORE: No worries.

25 MS. KOPFLER: I can speak on her

1 behalf. Rebecca Gilbert is here for Encore LLC.

2 HEARING OFFICER SKIDMORE: Thank you,
3 Ms. Kopfler. And thank you, Ms. Westgate. We are
4 also joined by representatives by the Vermont
5 Department of Public Service, I should say a
6 representative from the Vermont Department of Public
7 Service. The Department is an automatic party in
8 commission cases and is charged with representing the
9 public interest. Please introduce yourself.

10 MR. MAUCK: Hello. My name is Henry
11 Mauck, and I'm an attorney with the Vermont
12 Department of Public Service.

13 HEARING OFFICER SKIDMORE: Thank you,
14 Mr. Mauck. And doesn't look like we have anyone else
15 with us tonight.

16 So the purpose of tonight's hearing is
17 to provide an opportunity to hear input from the
18 public regarding this petition. The comments
19 received at this hearing will become part of the
20 public record in this case. Members of the public
21 can also provide written comments using the
22 commission's online document management system, ePUC,
23 or by direct mail or email. Contact information is
24 provided on the commission's website at
25 puc.vermont.gov.

1 Tonight's hearing is being transcribed
2 by a court reporter. This transcript, along with all
3 other comments received by the commission, become
4 part of the case's public file so that commission
5 members, staff and parties in the case can consider
6 the comments. The transcript will be available in
7 ePUC which is directly accessible from links on the
8 commission's website or at ePUC.Vermont.gov.

9 If a party or member of the public
10 intends to record the public hearing via video or
11 audio, could you please indicate that you have that
12 intention now. And if I don't hear anything, I will
13 assume the answer is no.

14 (No response.)

15 HEARING OFFICER SKIDMORE: Okay. Thank
16 you. Although public -- although public comments do
17 not become part of the formal evidence in this case,
18 they can be helpful in raising new issues or
19 perspectives that the commission should consider. So
20 we look forward to hearing any input folks have.

21 I'm going to, for the time being, skip
22 over instructions related to not speaking over one
23 another and things like that because it doesn't look
24 like we have any members of the public here. In the
25 event someone shows up, I'll revisit those.

1 And with all that covered, we will now
2 begin the substantive portion of the public hearing.
3 Because there are no members of the public, we are
4 going to wait until 7:20. Folks can feel free to
5 turn their cameras off and keep their microphones
6 muted, and I'll monitor this screen. And otherwise,
7 I'll see you back here at 7:20, if that's okay.
8 Thank you.

9 (Recess was taken.)

10 HEARING OFFICER SKIDMORE: Okay folks.
11 I see most of you have trickled back, if not all of
12 you. Ms. Sears, are you ready to continue with the
13 record?

14 THE COURT REPORTER: Yes, thank you.

15 HEARING OFFICER SKIDMORE: So it is now
16 7:20 p.m. and no members of the public have come to
17 the public hearing for the purposes of providing
18 comments. Therefore, I am now closing the public
19 hearing. And we are adjourned. And I want to also
20 just say thanks to everybody for attending and, you
21 know, engage in this process.

22 Thanks a bunch. Have a great night.

23 (Whereupon, the proceeding was
24 adjourned at 7:20 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 Public Hearing re: Case No. 25-0895-PET, via videoconference, on June 26, 2025, beginning at 7 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 28th day of June, 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, slightly textured background.

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