

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Case No. 24-2945-PET

Petition of VT Real Estate Holdings 2 LLC for a certificate of public good, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 248, authorizing the installation and operation of a 20 MW solar electric generation facility in Fair Haven, Vermont	
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Order entered: 07/22/2025

INFORMATION REQUEST

VT Real Estate Holdings 2 LLC (“Petitioner”) is directed to provide responses to the following information requests by August 1, 2025.

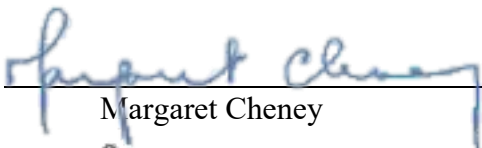
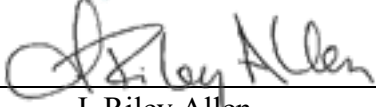
1. Regarding Section 3 of the report prepared on September 16, 2024, by Synapse Energy Economics, Inc. (“Report”), please explain whether increased tax flows and job creation from a utility-scale renewable energy generation facility’s development should be viewed as an economic benefit.¹ If so, how and to what extent should that benefit be measured?
2. Regarding Section 3 of the Report, please explain how utility-scale renewable energy generation facility impacts that are regional, national, or global in nature provide quantifiable economic benefits and/or fulfill an economic need to the state of Vermont. In providing this explanation, please reference concrete examples included in the Report (for example, reduction of global greenhouse gas emissions, alleviating regional gaps in energy generation, etc.). Please also explain how these benefits can be quantified on a state or regional level even in the absence of relevant state energy targets and policy goals.
3. On page 1 of the Report, its authors (“Authors”) describe a need for the facility based on increasing goals for renewables set out in Vermont statutes. Please explain how, if at all, the facility would address the needs of the state of Vermont if the products of the facility are sold to neighboring states.

¹ Economic benefit here refers to a societal or general economic welfare benefit as would be recognized by a practitioner of cost/benefit analysis and welfare economics.

4. On page 2 of the Report, the Authors reference the “impacts” of the facility on regional wholesale energy markets and New England’s greenhouse gas emissions. How would these impacts provide an economic benefit to Vermont if the products (including energy produced and the associated RECs) are sold outside the state of Vermont?
5. Regarding Section 3 of the Report, please explain how measurements of macroeconomic impacts provided by the facility can reflect the real net economic benefits to the state of Vermont.
6. Regarding Section 4 of the Report, please explain what the Authors mean when they indicate that the hosting capacity in the Rutland Regional Planning Commission (“RRPC”) area will not be diminished. More specifically, please clarify whether this statement refers simply to constraints associated with the distribution system in the RRPC area for all facilities below 46 kV, or whether this statement also applies to sub-transmission and bulk transmission in the RRPC area.

SO ORDERED.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 22nd day of July, 2025.

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Edward McNamara	)	PUBLIC UTILITY
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Margaret Cheney	)	
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J. Riley Allen	)	

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

Filed: July 22, 2025

Attest: 

Clerk of the Commission

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