

**STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Petition of Savage Solar Energy LLC for a Certificate)
of Public Good, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 248,)
authorizing the installation and operation of a 2.75) Case No. 26-____-PET
MW solar electric generation facility off Route 103 in)
Chester, Vermont to be known as the “Savage Solar)
Energy Project”)

**PETITION FOR CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC GOOD
PURSUANT TO 30 V.S.A § 248**

By this Petition Savage Solar Energy LLC (“SSE” or “Petitioner”) requests that the Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) issue a Certificate of Public Good (“CPG”) pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 248 for the installation and operation of a 2.75 MW solar photovoltaic electric generation facility in Chester, Vermont. In support of this Petition, SSE represents:

1. SSE is a Vermont limited liability company with a business address of 170 Bonnet Street, Manchester Center, Vermont, 05255.
2. SSE proposes to install and operate the Project on approximately 14.18 (±) acres of a parcel of land off Vermont Route 103 in Chester, Vermont (the “Property”).
3. The Project consists of approximately 7,200 (±) 590-watt solar panels installed on fixed tilt racking within a perimeter fence. The Petitioner proposes to install a fixed knot game-style fence that will be a minimum of 7’ high around the perimeter of the array.
4. Electricity will run from the panels in direct current (DC) to a network of string inverters, before being converted to alternating current (AC). Electricity from the array will run via underground wiring through three inverter racks to one 3,000 kVA pad-mounted transformer. From the transformer, the electricity will run underground and above ground along the proposed access road through a series of four or five new utility poles prior to connecting to the Green Mountain Power distribution system at a new utility pole located on Route 103.

5. The Petitioner will access the Property from existing roads within the area, and a new 250-foot ($\pm$) long, 12'-wide ($\pm$) access road off Route 103.

6. SSE submitted pre-filing notice to the required parties at least 45 days prior to filing this petition in compliance with Commission Rule 5.402.

7. SSE will provide notice of the proposed Project under Rule 5.407 to adjoining landowners upon receipt of notice of a complete petition.

8. In support of this Petition, SSE submits supporting prefiled testimony and exhibits that address each of the § 248(b) criteria by the following witnesses: Thomas Hand, Seth Goddard, Michael Lew-Smith, and Jeremy Owens. An index of evidence identifying the evidence pertaining to each criteria is provided with this Petition pursuant to Rule 5.403(A)(16).

9. As explained in the supporting testimony and exhibits, the proposed Project meets the criteria established by 30 V.S.A. § 248, including the applicable environmental criteria incorporated from Title 10 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 248(b)(5), and will promote the general good of the State of Vermont.

Request for Relief

WHEREFORE, SSE respectfully requests the Commission to:

1. Hold a prehearing conference as expeditiously as possible on the Petition;
2. Hold evidentiary hearings, as the Commission determines necessary;
3. Make findings as required by 30 V.S.A. § 248 and *Section 8007(b) Order*, that SSE shall be authorized to construct and operate a 2.75 MW solar electric generation facility off Route 103 in Chester, Vermont and that the Project will promote the general good of the State of

Vermont; authorize SSE to undertake the actions described herein and in the attached testimony and exhibits; and issue a Certificate of Public Good to that effect; and

4. Take such other actions as may be required for the expeditious review and approval of this Petition.

DATED at Burlington, Vermont, this 23rd day of March, 2026.

Savage Solar Energy LLC

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