

March 25, 2026

Holly Anderson, Clerk
Vermont Public Utility Commission
112 State Street
Montpelier, Vermont 05620-2701

Re: Case No. 25-3076-AN
45-day advance submission of Vergennes VT BESS 1 LLC
for a certificate of public good, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 248,
to file a petition for a 4.9 MW battery storage facility in
Vergennes, Vermont

Request for Consideration of Petition Under full 30 V.S.A. § 248 Procedures

Dear Clerk Anderson:

On December 16, 2025, Vergennes VT BESS 1 LLC ("Petitioner") filed advance notice with the Vermont Public Utility Commission (the "Commission") that it is preparing to file an application for a Certificate of Public Good ("CPG") requesting approval to install and operate a 4.99 megawatt, 4 hour Battery Energy Storage System ("Project"), to be constructed on a parcel of land located off Pantown Road in Vergennes, Vermont. I am an adjacent property owner that has a significant interest in the issues raised by the Project and have filed comments with the Commission in this matter. By this submission I reiterate my request that the Commission determine that the Project is not of limited size and scope, that it raises significant issues with respect to the Section 248 criteria, and that the public interest would not be served if the Project is reviewed under the abbreviated procedures established under 30 V.S.A. § 248(j).

As the Petitioner's notice pleading makes clear, the proposed Project would be located on an empty parcel adjacent to an area currently being developed for residential uses. The Project would be difficult or impossible to adequately screen from these properties. The Project also raises significant safety/fire concerns and questions about its impact on municipal and emergency services and infrastructure. The Project is adjacent to a stream and nearby water body engendering the risk of environmental impacts. Because of the Project's location in an area with historic properties that is currently being developed for residential uses, the Project can also adversely impact orderly development, aesthetics, historic sites, transportation systems, air and water purity, and the natural environment.

Specific to my concerns as to why this is not an appropriate spot and should not be considered a project of limited size and scope:

- The buffering identified by the project is on our property and is slated for clearing;
- The housing proposed for development would be closer than the 150' home referenced as the nearest residence, and the views would be looking down at the project (no buffering);
- Should a fire take root, the toxins would impact those homeowners along with all those in the immediate area, and the risk of fires spreading to those homes would be imminent;
- There is a state river corridor that leads to the Otter Creek identified on the city's Enhanced Energy Plan (the "Plan") (Map 3) as a known constraint in immediate proximity to the proposed project;
- The Vergennes Enhanced Energy Plan also restricts commercial solar projects to sizes less than 500 kW. This project is a 4.99 MW.
- The siting criteria for transmission (presumably the BESS is a transmission facility) in the Plan states that no natural screening and topography that causes the lines to be visible against the skyline from common vantage points like roads or neighborhoods are considered to be "poor sites";
- Section 5.2 of the city's Municipal Plan speaks to historic and scenic resources and contains goals around (a) preserving the character and historic charm of the city while allowing for future development; (b) preserving historic buildings, neighborhoods, and celebrated events; and (c) preserving natural resources while encouraging thoughtful development. Here the abutting property sites a 1798 brick farm house on the Vergennes Historical Walking Tour.
- Section 5.4: Policies and Recommended Actions in the Municipal Plan specifically states: "15. Electrical distribution, transmission facilities, and other utility development and upgrades shall not have an undue adverse impact on the character of the city or on existing views."

When considering whether the Project is of limited size and scale, the factors I have identified show that it is not congruous with the surrounding land uses, and does not involve the modifications to existing facilities. Given the nature and the significant extent of potential Project impacts, I urge the Commission to find that a full review of the Project is required under the criteria developed pursuant to Section 248. Such a process is more thorough and would better serve the public interest by creating a forum for the review and resolution of the myriad of concerns raised by the Project – especially for an adjacent property owner with unique interests that may not otherwise be represented by any party to the process.

Please note, however, that my concerns with the Project are shared by other affected residents in the host community of Vergennes. Included with this submission is a

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Petition signed by more than 250 individuals that are concerned with the Project and who would support an in depth review of the matter by the Commission. For many individuals, the Commission's review is the only actual forum where their concerns can be effectively addressed.

After you have had an opportunity to review our concerns, please feel free to contact me with any questions. Thank you for your careful consideration of this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carrie Hathaway". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Potential impacts to soil, groundwater, surface waters, and surrounding ecosystems—especially in the event of fire, flooding, or system failure—have not been adequately addressed. The long-term environmental consequences of battery degradation, disposal, and decommissioning also remain unclear.

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Thank you for your careful consideration of our concerns and for your service to the people of Vermont.

Respectfully submitted,

[Names, Towns of Residence, and Signatures of Petitioners]

Names

Addresses

Signatures

CARIE HANAWAY	78 West Main St.	Carie Hanaway
DAVID HANAWAY	"	David Hanaway
Grace Hayes	26 Thomas circle	Grace Hayes
Robert Hayes	"	Robert Hayes
Lowell E. Bertrand	40 West Main St. Vergennes	Lowell E. Bertrand
April Mordin	71 Monton Rd Verg	April M Mordin
Shirley Andrews	39 West St.	Shirley Andrews
Bill Schmirer	36 Maple Meadows	Bill Schmirer
Kathie Wagner	Cell Hillside	Kathie Wagner
Thomas Blum	344 Commodore	Thomas Blum
Megan Smith	14 Sunset Drive	Megan Smith
CLIF BUSHY	300 MAIN ST, D	Clif Bushy
Elizabeth Clane	8 HURKINS RD	Elizabeth Clane
Jennifer Bynum	41 S. Water St	Jennifer Bynum
Travis Scribner	125 William St	Travis Scribner
Rose Wenzel	7 Hillside Acres	Rose Wenzel
Jackson Coffey	152 South Maple St	Jackson Coffey
Patricia Clark	36 MacDonough Dr	Patricia Clark
Jean Roberts	29 Second St Vergennes	Jean Roberts
John Roberts	29 Second St Vergennes	John Roberts
John Wagner	14 Prospect	John Wagner
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Kathie Bissett	5 Bowma	Kathie Bissett
Judith Daniels	30 Main View Lane	Judith Daniels
Sharon Brown	118 Pantu Rd	Sharon Brown
William Eckels	6 Bathing Hill	William Eckels
ElysaBeth James	5 Green Meadows	ElysaBeth James
Michael H. Daniels	30 Mountain View Lane	Michael H. Daniels
E. Christopher Calman	5 GREEN MEADOWS ACRES	E. Christopher Calman
Kathleen Rivers	28 Comfort Hill	Kathleen Rivers
Dennis Conkley	38 Bowman Rd	Dennis Conkley
EMMAE MURCIA	3 ICE HOUSE CT	EMMAE MURCIA
Melanie Abush	176 So Maple Vergennes	Melanie Abush
GARY RUSSELL	15 COURTNEY DR	GARY RUSSELL
THEODORE M. BOELER	54 COUNTRY COMMONS	THEODORE M. BOELER
Allan Morrie	71st Vergennes	Allan Morrie
Eugenie Delanen	219 Commodore Drive	Eugenie Delanen
W. A. Benton	32013 MAIN VERG	W. A. Benton
Sheila Burlock	3 Courtney Drive	Sheila Burlock
David Austin	126 South Maple	David Austin
Ralph Wenzel	7 Hillside Acres	Ralph Wenzel

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Marco Samaritani	116 Main Dorks	<i>Marco Samaritani</i>
Janet Pagnon	157 East St Verg	<i>Janet Pagnon</i>
Van Tromp	80 Glen St	<i>Van Tromp</i>
Zachary Geko	37 Bowman Rd	<i>Zachary Geko</i>
Sybil C. Blaise	16 School St	<i>Sybil C. Blaise</i>
William W	10 High St	<i>William W</i>
Dele Roberts	10 High St	<i>Dele Roberts</i>
Katherine Coakley	35 Bowman Rd	<i>Katherine Coakley</i>
Gail Freyer	10 Bowman Rd	<i>Gail Freyer</i>
Albert Freyer	10 Bowman Rd	<i>Albert Freyer</i>
Lisa Casely	31 East Street	<i>Lisa Casely</i>
Michael Fine	57 New Haven Rd	<i>Michael Fine</i>
Michael Besette	31 Bowman	<i>Michael Besette</i>
Tracy Besette	34 Bowman Rd	<i>Tracy Besette</i>
MARCO KASNIK	58 S WATER	<i>Marco Kasnik</i>
Chris Lapierre	110 Macdonald Dr	<i>Chris Lapierre</i>
Jos Samaritani	126 Green St	<i>Jos Samaritani</i>
Jeff Keimer	19 Hopkins Rd Vergennes	<i>Jeff Keimer</i>
Alexandra Keimer	19 Hopkins Rd	<i>Alexandra Keimer</i>
Jennifer Russell	9 New Haven Rd	<i>Jennifer Russell</i>
DANIEL KONOW	48 EAST ST	<i>DANIEL KONOW</i>
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Jos Champagne	8 THOMAS CIRCLE	<i>Jos Champagne</i>
Betty Hawkins	11 Bowman Rd	<i>Betty Hawkins</i>
Anna Mumford	16 School Ln	<i>Anna Mumford</i>
Randy Hawkins	11 Bowman Road	<i>Randy Hawkins</i>
Helen Schoen	12 Walker Ave	<i>Helen Schoen</i>
Chris Peterson	12 SOUTH WATER	<i>Chris Peterson</i>
J. Auger	54 Commodore	<i>J. Auger</i>
Charlie Ayers	54 Commodore	<i>Charlie Ayers</i>
Timothy Cowan	23 Macdonough	<i>Timothy Cowan</i>
Katrina Mattheus	31 School St	<i>Katrina Mattheus</i>
Marion Sullivan	200 Maple St.	<i>Marion Sullivan</i>
Edney Olsen	8 Mt View Lane	<i>Edney Olsen</i>
Kate Kuhn	395 Commodore Dr.	<i>Kate Kuhn</i>
GERALD STAGG	14 Bowman Rd	<i>Gerald Stagg</i>
Bonnie Stagg	14 Bowman Rd	<i>Bonnie Stagg</i>
Joan Devere	47 Montfort Rd	<i>Joan Devere</i>
Richard Austin	103 Main St	<i>Richard Austin</i>

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Jackie Charbonneau	7 Second St Verg	Jackie Charbonneau
Jeffrey Scott	Longwood Manor Acres	Jeffrey Scott
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Ken St Gang	The House	Ken St Gang
Lara Brooks	43 Main St	Lara Brooks
Olivia Brooks	43 Main St	Olivia Brooks
Laura Pettibon	22 S. Water St.	Laura Pettibon
Jordan Barry	191 Green St.	Jordan Barry
Robert M. Luperio	24 Maple Manor	Robert M. Luperio
Tom Heeter	36 Montclair Rd	Tom Heeter
Lana Heeter	" " "	Lana Heeter
JOHN KIDDIE	74 School St	John Kiddie
Carl Fritz	66 S Water St.	Carl Fritz
Stacy Sizles	189 Green St	Stacy Sizles
Elise Bail	66 S Water St.	Elise Bail
William Piquette	90 Comfort Hill	William Piquette
Elizabeth Piquette	16 Booth Woods	Elizabeth Piquette
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CHRISTOPHER JOHNSON	27 MAPLE MANOR	Christopher Johnson
Michael D'Amico	182 Commodore Dr.	Michael D'Amico
Yvette Rabombard	25 Comfort Hill	Yvette Rabombard
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MICHAEL SHORE	36 BOWMAN RD	Michael Shore
Susan R. O'Daniel	25 Hopkins Rd.	Susan R. O'Daniel
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Sherrin Murphy	133 Green St.	Sherrin Murphy
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Janet Desjardins	13 Hillside Acres	Janet Desjardins
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Naomi Strack	7 Thomas Cir Vergennes	Naomi Strack
Dawn Wagner	80 Main St. Vergennes	Dawn Wagner
Jenn Pettis	4 First St. Verg. Vt	Jenn Pettis
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April O'Donnell	25 Boothwoods Verg.	April O'Donnell
Bruce Smith	135 South Maple St	Bruce Smith
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Leah Hammond	3 King Street	Leah Hammond
Michelle Eckels	6 Battery Hill	Michelle Eckels
Phil Johnson	42 S. Maple St.	Phil Johnson
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Linda Harmon	2 Battery Hill	Linda Harmon
Donald Matthews	31 School Street	Donald Matthews III
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Jara Driscoll	81 S. Water St	Jara Driscoll
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