

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Case No. 25-2356-PET

Petition of Williston G Katie Lane Solar, LLC requesting a certificate of public good, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 248, for a 2.9 MW ground-mounted solar array in Williston, Vermont	
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**VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMMENTS ON
THE PETITION OF WILLISTON G KATIE LANE SOLAR, LLC FOR A
CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC GOOD PURSUANT TO 30 V.S.A. § 248**

On October 2, 2025, Williston G Katie Lane Solar, LLC (“Petitioner”) filed a petition in the above-referenced proceeding for a Certificate of Public Good (“CPG”) for a 2.9 MW ground mounted solar array to be located in the south west corner of a parcel at 326 IBM Road in Williston, Vermont (“Project”). Petitioner also requested that the Vermont Department of Public Service (“Department”) provide a determination that the Project is consistent with the Vermont Electric Plan pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 202(f). The Project is proposed on a parcel owned by Global Foundries US 2, LLC. Encore Renewable Energy (“Encore”) is developing the Project. GF Power (“Global Foundries Power”) would purchase the electricity and associated renewable attributes generated by the Project.

The Department has reviewed the Petition, accompanying exhibits, and Petitioner’s discovery responses and has identified one area of concern regarding the Project’s potential impact on public health and safety. The site plan depicts several segments of underground primary voltage electric lines that would be owned by the Petitioner outside of the perimeter fence between the northern sub-array and Mountain View Road. To ensure electrical safety, the Department requests that any certificate of public good issued for the Project include the following condition:

In the event the CPG Holder owns and controls portions of underground primary voltage lines located outside the Project fence line, as depicted on Exhibit WGKL-JC-2 on page C2.00, the CPG Holder shall register with Dig Safe and comply with 30 V.S.A. Chapter 86 and Commission Rule 3.8000 for the life of the Project.

Petitioner indicated to the Department that it was willing to accept a Dig Safe condition.

Incorporating this condition, the Department concludes that the Project does not raise a significant issue with respect to the Section 248 criteria subject to the Department's review, including orderly development, need, system stability and reliability, economic benefit, public health and safety, and aesthetics (30 V.S.A. § 248(b)(1-5)). The Department also reviewed the Petitioner's proposed decommissioning plan and finds the plan to be reasonable based on the relative size and scope of the Project and includes an acceptable irrevocable standby letter of credit in accordance with the laws of the State of Vermont.

The Department is aware of public comments by the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission concluding that the Project is general in alignment with the regional plan, so long as the Petitioner works with state agencies to avoid or mitigate potential impacts on constrained areas or resources (wetlands, agricultural soils). The Department defers to the Agency of Natural Resources regarding the Project's potential impacts on natural resources in the area. The Department is also aware of public comments filed by the Town of Williston on Petitioner's advanced notice (Case No. 25-0209-AN) in support of the Project. The Department is not aware of other public comments on the Petition or the corresponding advanced notice.

The Department will separately file a Section 202(f) determination letter with the Vermont Public Utility Commission ("Commission") concluding that the Project is consistent with the Vermont Electric Plan.

The Department therefore respectfully recommends that the Commission issue the requested CPG conditioned to resolution of any outstanding issues identified by other State agencies.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont this 24th day of April 2026.

VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE

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