

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Case No. 24-1898-PET

Petition of Essex A North Lot Solar, LLC for
a certificate of public good pursuant to
30 V.S.A. § 248 for a 3.5 MW
ground-mounted solar array located off
Robinson Parkway in Essex Junction,
Vermont

DECLARATION OF JEREMY B. OWENS ON
BEHALF OF
ESSEX A NORTH LOT SOLAR, LLC
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1. My name is Jeremy B. Owens. I am a Senior Landscape Architect with T.J. Boyle Associates, LLC, Landscape Architects and Planning Consultants, 301 College Street, Burlington, Vermont 05401.
2. I prepared the prefiled testimony in support of the Certificate of Public Good for the Project in the above captioned matter.
3. I am familiar with the proposed Project changes as described in the Declaration of Rebecca Gilbert and the Petitioner's Motion for Non-substantial Change.
4. For the reasons set forth herein, the proposed Project changes do not have the potential to significantly impact aesthetics and scenic beauty (30 V.S.A. § 248(b)(5)).
5. The proposed Project changes are located at the northern end of the Project where the proposed interconnection follows the Essex Police Department ("Police Department") access road to interconnect with Green Mountain Power's ("GMP") existing distribution system. The originally approved point of interconnection ("POI") utilized overhead conductors across several new poles to connect electrical output from the

Project to an existing distribution pole located on the Police Department property.

The proposed change will relocate the POI and underground most of the electric lines, reducing the number of proposed poles while retaining vegetation that currently exists along the west side of the Police Department access road.

6. Two new 45' tall GMP-owned poles are now proposed in the southwest quadrant of the intersection of Maple Street (Vermont Route 117), Rivendell Drive, and the Police Station access road. The southern pole will include electrical conduit and a primary meter, and the northern pole will include a new recloser, after which the line will cross Maple Street and connect to an existing distribution pole located in the northwest quadrant of the intersection. This existing 40' tall pole will be replaced with a new pole that is approximately 5' taller , and this replacement pole will be the Project's POI.
7. During redesign of the interconnection, the Petitioner worked with Green Mountain Power (GMP) to locate the proposed structures as far south as feasible to minimize the visual proximity of the proposed poles to Maple Street and Rivendell Drive.
8. The Petitioner has also designed the interconnection so that a portion of the proposed electric lines are undergrounded on the west side of the access road. This underground design will help preserve the existing vegetation in this area, which helps screen northern portions of the proposed array from Maple Street and Rivendell Drive, as noted in Images 1 and 2 below.

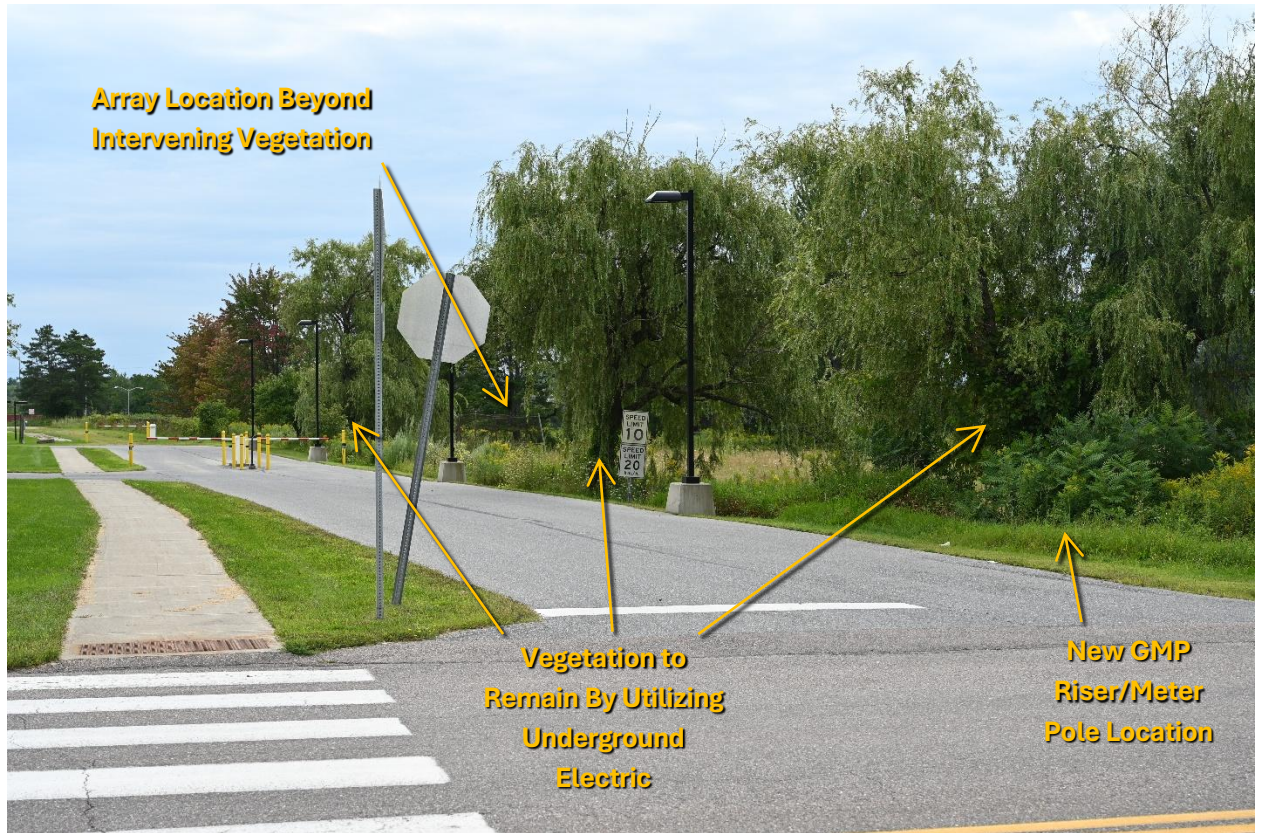


Image 1: View from Maple Street northeast of the Project site (east of the intersection with Rivendell Drive), looking south-southwest towards the proposed array and interconnection. (49mm)

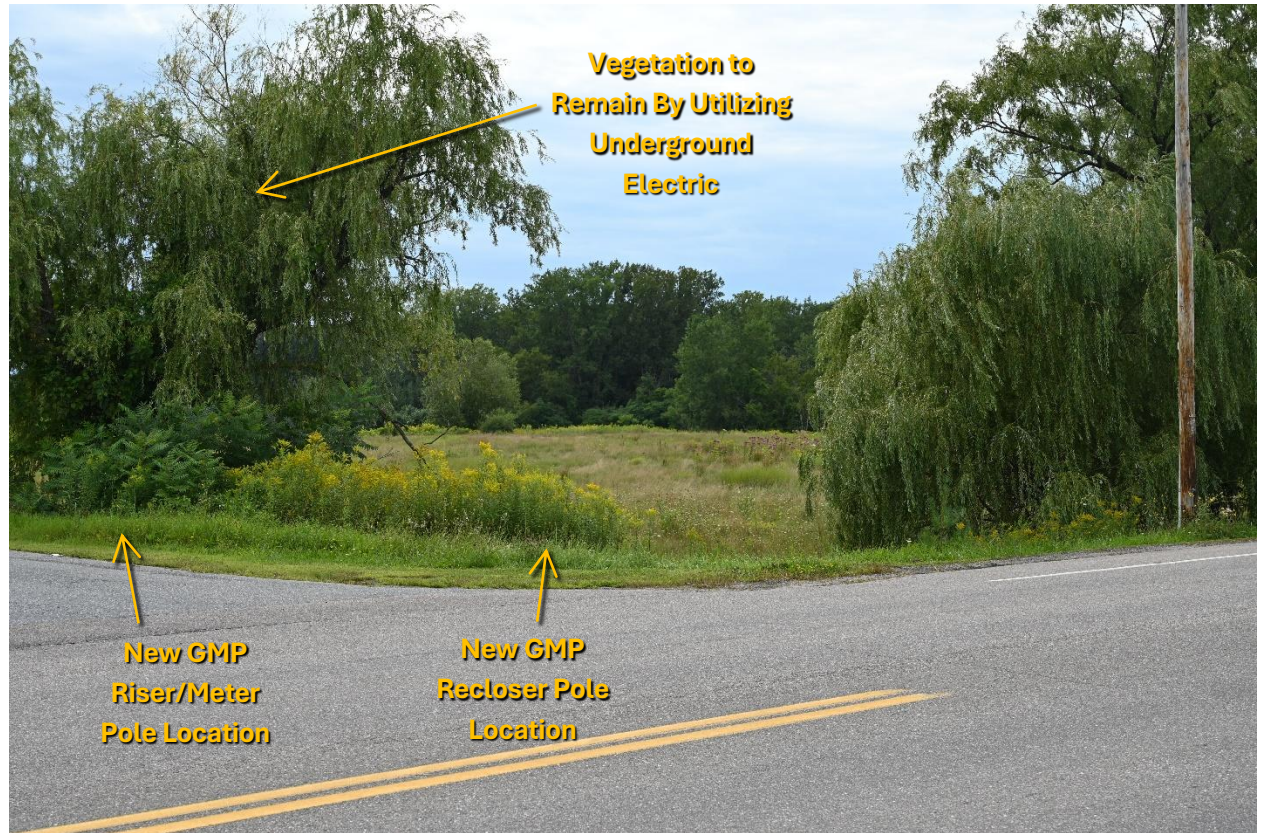


Image 2: Continued Pan from Image 1. View from Maple Street northeast of the Project site (east of the intersection with Rivendell Drive), looking southwest towards the proposed array and interconnection. (49mm)

9. The Project changes do not impact the approved landscape mitigation plan in Exhibit EANL-JO-2, Appendix D.
10. I, Jeremy B. Owens, being over 18 years of age, and competent to testify on these matters declare that on behalf of Petitioner, I prepared this declaration and I have the necessary expertise to testify to the same information. I declare that the information herein is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief. I declare that the above statement is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief. I

understand that if the above statement is false, I may be subject to sanctions by the

Commission pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 30.

Dated at Burlington, Vermont, this 20th day of May, 2026.

/s/ Jeremy Owens

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