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Clerk, Vermont Public Utility Commission  
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**Re: Petition of Novus 242 Solar LLC for a certificate of public good, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 248, authorizing the installation and operation of a 3.75 MW solar facility in Jay, Vermont, Case No. 26-0261-PET.**

Dear Ms. Anderson,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above-referenced project. The Division for Historic Preservation (VDHP) is reviewing this undertaking for purposes of 30 V.S.A., Section 248. Project review consists of identifying the project's potential impacts to historic buildings, structures, historic districts, historic landscapes and settings, and known or potential archeological resources. The purpose of the VDHP's comments is to provide the Public Utility Commission (PUC) with the necessary information for their Section 248 review.

The proposed project is described as the installation and operation of approximately 3,700 ( $\pm$ ) 545-watt solar panels installed on single axis trackers on approximately 12.87 ( $\pm$ ) acres of an approximately 66-acre parcel of land off Route 242 in Jay, Vermont (the "Property"). The site will be enclosed with a fixed knot game-style fence that will be, at minimum, seven feet in height.

Electricity will run from the panels in direct current (DC) to a network of string inverters within the array, before being converted to alternating current (AC). Electricity from the array will run underground to two 2,000 kVA pad-mounted transformers. From the transformers, the electricity will continue to run underground for a portion beyond the fence line of the Project before transitioning overhead to a series of six new utility poles. The electricity will travel overhead along the poles to an existing pole on Route 242 where the Project will interconnect to the Vermont Electric Cooperative ("VEC") system.

The Petitioner will access the Property from an existing access driveway off Route 242 used for the gravel and sand pit operation. The Petitioner will extend the access drive into the middle of the Project site.

The project area has been previously disturbed through its use as a gravel and sand extraction site and the array will be located on remediated portions of the extraction operation. A desk review of the project area confirms that the site is significantly disturbed, and it is unlikely that the project will impact important intact archaeological sites. VDHP has also reviewed the Project's effect on above-ground historic structures and determined that there are no listed or eligible structures in the vicinity of the proposed project.

**Based on the materials submitted for review and the above considerations, the VDHP concludes that the Project will have No Effect on any historic sites listed in or eligible for inclusion in the State Register of Historic Places.**

Thank you for your cooperation in protecting Vermont's irreplaceable historic and archeological heritage. Will Gansle and Yvonne Benney Basque reviewed this project and prepared this letter. I concur with the findings and conclusions described above.

Sincerely,  
VERMONT DIVISION FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Signed by:

  
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R. Scott Dillon  
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