

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 in Essex Junction, Vermont	
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**VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE RESPONSE TO MOTION FOR
NON-SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE**

On May 20, 2026, Essex A North Lot Solar, LLC (“Petitioner”), filed an application with the Vermont Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) for a non-substantial change determination regarding certain adjustments to a solar facility approved in the Certificate of Public Good (“CPG”) issued in this case on January 6, 2025 (“Project”). The project previously contemplated a point of interconnection that used overhead conductors to connect the Project’s output to an existing distribution pole on the Essex Police Department’s property.

Petitioner now proposes to relocate the point of interconnection and move most of the proposed overhead lines underground. Petitioner’s motion explains that these changes are the result of discussions with the Town of Essex Police Chief, who raised concerns about an overhead line coming down during a storm and blocking the police station. The Vermont Department of Public Service (“Department”) has reviewed Petitioner’s motion for non-substantial change and concludes that the proposed changes are not substantial because CPG condition 32 already requires Petitioner to register with Dig Safe for the underground electrical lines outside of the project. Furthermore, the proposed changes do not raise the potential for substantial aesthetics impacts because the proposed changes are relatively minor and may even

reduce overall visibility. Therefore, the Department respectfully recommends that the Commission grant Petitioner's motion. The Department defers to the Agency of Natural Resources with respect to the natural resources and environment.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont this 1st day of June 2026.

VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE

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