

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Case No. 26-0925-PET

Petition of Novus Buck Solar LLC for a certificate of public good, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 248, authorizing the installation and operation for a 4.999 MW ground-mounted solar array in Newport Town, Vermont	
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Order entered: 07/13/2026

SCHEDULING CONFERENCE ORDER

This case involves a petition filed by Novus Buck Solar LLC (the “Petitioner”) on May 7, 2026, for a certificate of public good (“CPG”) under 30 V.S.A. § 248, with the Vermont Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) for a solar electric generation facility in Newport, Vermont (the proposed “Facility”).

On July 7, 2026, I held a scheduling conference in this matter. Appearances were entered on behalf of the Petitioner; the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources; and the Vermont Department of Public Service.

Also present at the scheduling conference were Bob Yaremko and Kyle Crossett.

During the scheduling conference, the parties discussed a jointly proposed procedural schedule submitted by the Petitioner. Based upon the discussion, I adopt the proposed schedule below:

July 14, 2026	Deadline for motions to intervene and requests for public hearing and site visit
July 21, 2026	Deadline for responses to motions to intervene
July 24, 2026	Deadline for first round of Discovery to be served on Petitioner ¹
August 7, 2026	Deadline for Petitioner’s responses to First Round of Discovery

¹ Petitioner agrees to accept discovery from parties where Motions to Intervene are pending. If any such discovery is served and the corresponding motion is granted, then the Petitioner will respond to that discovery. If such a motion is denied, then the Petitioner would not respond to that discovery.

August 14, 2026	Deadline for Petitioner to file the results of Vermont Electric Cooperative, Inc.'s System Impact Study.
August 28, 2026	Deadline for second round of Discovery to be served on Petitioner
September 11, 2026	Deadline for Petitioner's responses to Second Round of Discovery
October 9, 2026	Deadline for Comments/Stipulations and associated testimony/exhibits (if any settlements are reached)
October 16, 2026	Deadline for parties to file proposed schedule for remainder of litigation (if case is contested)
October 23, 2026	Deadline for Petitioner to file Proposed Findings of Fact, Order & CPG (if case is not contested)

If motions for summary judgment are filed in this case, then, consistent with Commission Rule 2.219(B) and unless different deadlines are established by the Commission, (1) responses are due 30 days after the motion is filed; and (2) replies to any responses are due 14 days after the responses are filed. If motions to dismiss are filed in this case, then, consistent with Commission Rule 2.206(E), (1) responses are due 30 days after the motion is filed; and (2) replies to any responses are due 14 days after the responses are filed.² For any other motions, then, consistent with Commission Rule 2.206(E) and unless different deadlines are established by the Commission, (1) responses are due 14 days after the motion is filed; and (2) replies to any responses are due 14 days after the responses are filed. Consistent with Commission Rule 2.206(F), surreplies may only be filed with permission from the Commission.

Parties are reminded that documents submitted in pdf format should be in an “unlocked” format, i.e., searchable and extractable, rather than in an image format.

² Commission Rule 2.206(E) provides the Commission with discretion to set response and reply deadlines that differ from the 14 days normally provided by that rule.

Members of the public interested in this proceeding may participate by submitting public comments or by intervening as a formal party to the case. Members of the public may also simply monitor the Commission's actions in a specific case. Guidance on how to monitor, comment on, or actively participate in Commission proceedings is available in the document "Public Participation and Intervention in Proceedings before the Public Utility Commission," which is available on the Commission's website at: <https://puc.vermont.gov/document/public-participation-and-intervention-proceedings-public-utility-commission>.

Pursuant to 30 V.S.A. §§ 20 and 21, the Petitioner will be responsible for court reporter costs incurred by the Commission during the course of this proceeding and billed back to the Petitioner.

SO ORDERED.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 13th day of July, 2026.



Rowan Cornell-Brown
Hearing Officer

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

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