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**State of Vermont
Public Utility Commission**

MEMORANDUM

To: Owners of Land Adjoining Proposed Chelsea Solar LLC Project
From: Holly R. Anderson, Deputy Clerk of the Commission
Re: PUC Case No. 17-5024-PET – Chelsea Solar LLC, 2.0 MW Section 248 solar project, Bennington, Vermont
Date: February 21, 2018

Chelsea Solar LLC has filed a petition for a certificate of public good, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 248, authorizing a proposed 2.0 MW solar electric generation facility to be located on a portion of a 27.3-acre undeveloped parcel of land located on Willow Road in Bennington, Vermont. The Public Utility Commission ("Commission") is reviewing the petition in Case No. 17-5024-PET.

You are receiving these materials because the petitioner identified you as an “adjoining landowner” to the proposed project. Included is a Notice of Prehearing Conference for a prehearing conference to be held at 1:30 P.M. on Friday, March 2, 2018, at the Susan M. Hudson Hearing Room, Third Floor, People’s United Bank Building, 112 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05620.

The purpose of the prehearing conference is for the parties to discuss how best to manage the case and attempt to agree upon a schedule for the case. Members of the public, including you as an adjoining landowner, are welcome to attend this prehearing conference. However, active participation in a prehearing conference is generally limited to parties and to those who intend to seek party status. The steps you would need to take if you decide that you want to be a formal party to this proceeding are described below. If you cannot attend the prehearing conference, it does not mean that you have lost either your opportunity to comment on the proposed project or to become a formal party.

Owners of land adjoining the proposed project and other members of the public interested in this proceeding will have the opportunity to provide input to the Commission regarding the proposed project by participating in a public hearing to be held at a location near the proposed project site. The specific date, time, and location of the public hearing will be discussed at the prehearing conference and finalized afterwards. As an adjoining landowner, you will receive notice of the public hearing once the date, time, and location are set.

The public is also encouraged to submit written comments on the project via the Commission's electronic filing system (known as ePUC) at epuc.vermont.gov, or via regular mail. Public comments play an important role by raising new issues or offering perspectives that the Commission should consider and then may ask parties to address, although the public comments themselves do not become part of the evidentiary record.¹

In addition, all public documents in the case can be viewed using ePUC. Furthermore, individuals and organizations can "subscribe" to the case if they are interested in receiving email notifications when parties file documents or the Commission issues documents in the case. Information about how to use ePUC and how to subscribe to a case is available on the Commission's website at <http://puc.vermont.gov/epuc-information>.

If you wish to participate actively as a party in the proceeding, you must first file a motion to intervene as a party in this case. The deadline for filing a motion to intervene will be set during the prehearing conference and will be included in a scheduling order that will be issued a short time after the prehearing conference is held. As an adjoining landowner, you will receive a copy of that order along with the notice of the public hearing. In its motion to intervene, a potential party must demonstrate that it has a substantial interest that may be adversely affected by the outcome of the case and must otherwise comply with the requirements of Commission Rule 2.209. If the Commission grants a motion to intervene, the intervening party will have the same obligations and rights as the other parties and will be subject to the Commission's procedural rules. An intervenor may provide testimony and participate in the evidentiary hearings and may be subject to discovery and to cross-examination on any testimony it provides. The responsibilities and rights of individuals or groups that appear pro se (without the assistance of counsel) are mostly the same as would apply to an attorney in the proceeding. Potential intervenors should be aware that there are costs involved in being a party in a proceeding such as this, both in time and money.²

For further information regarding intervention and providing public comments, please see the description of typical procedural steps in Section 248 cases and the Public Participation section of the Commission's website at <http://puc.vermont.gov/public-participation>. More information about each underlined term in the description of typical procedural steps is available in the Glossary of Terms on the Commission's website at <http://puc.vermont.gov/public-participation/frequently-asked-questions/glossary-terms>.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. You can reach the Clerk of the Public Utility Commission at 802-828-2358, or you can e-mail the Clerk at: puc.clerk@vermont.gov.

Enclosures (1)

¹ Under Vermont law, the Commission's decision must be based upon the evidence presented by formal parties during the evidentiary hearings.

² These costs include providing copies of any filings with the Commission to all parties in the case who are participating in paper, as required by Commission rules.

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NOTICE OF HEARING

You are hereby notified that a Hearing Officer of the Vermont Public Utility Commission, Michael Tousley, Staff Attorney, will hold a **PREHEARING CONFERENCE**, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. Sections 8, 10, and 248, in PUC Case No. 17-5024-PET –

Petition of Chelsea Solar LLC, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 248, for a certificate of publicgood authorizing the installation and operation of the “Chelsea Solar Project,” a 2.0 MW solar electric generation facility located off Willow Road in Bennington, Vermont. –

on **March 2, 2018**, commencing at **1:30 P.M.**, at the Susan M. Hudson Hearing Room, Third Floor, People’s United Bank Building, 112 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05620.

The above hearing location is ADA-accessible. Handicapped parking is available in the People’s United Bank parking lot at 112 State Street, behind the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food, and Markets at 116 State Street, and in most State employee parking lots in Montpelier. Any vehicles utilizing these spaces must have the appropriate placard displayed to avoid being towed. Additional parking information can be found on the City of Montpelier’s website at the following address:

<http://www.montpelier-vt.org/DocumentCenter/View/1399>.

VERMONT PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

By:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Holly R. Anderson".

Holly R. Anderson
Deputy Clerk of the Commission

PUC Case No. 17-5024-PET – ADJOINING LANDOWNERS SERVICE LIST

Adjoining Landowners:

Vermont Agency of Transportation
One National Life Drive
Montpelier, VT 05633

Vermont Information Centers Division
134 State Street
Montpelier, VT 05633

Apple Hill Association, Inc.
109 Apple Hill Road
Bennington, VT 05201

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207 Randall Avenue
Norwich, NY 13815

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Bennington, VT 05201

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222 South 9th Street, #1600
Minneapolis, MN 55402

Marcus & Laura Jones
637 Harwood Hill Road
Bennington, VT 05201

Chiti LLC
15526 East Powers Drive
Centennial, CO 80015

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P.O. Box 858
Valley Forge, PA 19482

Shires Media Partnership Inc
407 Harwood Hill Road
Bennington, VT 05201

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748 Main Street
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544 Orchard Road
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Bennington-Rutland Opportunity Council Inc.
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Rutland, VT 05701

Bennington School District
246 South Stream Road
Bennington, VT 05201