

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Case No. 21-2939-NMP

Petition of Randolph Davis Solar LLC for a certificate of public good, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § § 248 and 8010, authorizing the installation and operation of a 500 kW group net-metered solar electric generation system in Randolph, Vermont	
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Order entered: 08/18/2021

ORDER GRANTING WAIVER OF COMMISSION RULE AND STAYING PROCEEDING

I. INTRODUCTION

This case concerns an application filed with the Vermont Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) by Randolph Davis Solar LLC (“Applicant”) for a certificate of public good, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § § 248 and 8010, authorizing the installation and operation of a 500 kW group net-metered solar electric generation system in Randolph, Vermont. In this Order we grant a waiver of Commission Rule 5.107(C)(10)(a) for the sole purpose of determining that the application is administratively complete as of August 11, 2021. We also stay the 30-day period for public comment, notices of intervention, motions to intervene, and requests for hearing until the information required by Commission Rule 5.107(C)(10)(a) is filed.

II. PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On August 11, 2021, the Applicant filed an application for the Project with a request for a waiver of Commission Rule 5.107(C)(10)(a).

III. DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSION

When the Applicant filed its application with the Commission, it included correspondence with Green Mountain Power Corporation (“GMP”) that indicates that the Project failed at least one of GMP’s Fast Track criteria, and that a Feasibility Study will be required.

The Applicant submitted an interconnection application to GMP with enough time for the utility to complete a Fast Track Analysis before the Applicant would need to file its application with the Commission in order to qualify for the pre-September 1 net-metering rates. GMP issued

its Fast Track Analysis on April 28, 2021, and determined that a Feasibility Study would be required. The Applicant had not received the results of the Feasibility Study at the time it submitted its request for a waiver. In all other respects the application is administratively complete.

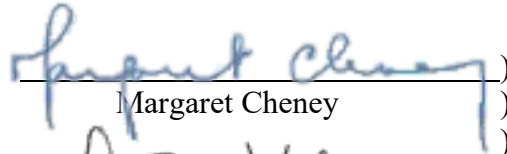
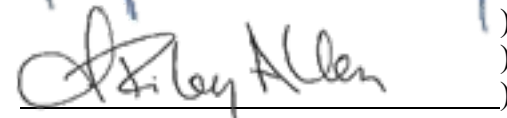
We find good cause to grant a waiver in this instance because: (1) the Applicant had no control over the delay in the interconnection review, (2) the Applicant stated that it will pay for all required upgrades, (3) the Applicant stated that it will file the Feasibility Study when it receives it, (4) the Applicant's application is otherwise complete, and (5) but for the lengthy interconnection review required in this case (a review that can be done only by the utility), the Applicant would have been able to file a complete petition prior to the date the new rates take effect under the update of the net-metering program. The Applicant's case number is 21-2939-NMP.

We find it is in the interests of judicial efficiency and economy and in the interests of all potential parties in this proceeding to stay commencement of the 30-day period for filing public comments, notices of intervention, motions to intervene, and requests for hearing¹ until the Applicant files a letter from GMP conforming to the requirements of Commission Rule 5.107(C)(10)(a). When the Applicant files that letter, the Commission will issue a memorandum stating the date by which public comment, notices of intervention, motions to intervene, and requests for hearing must be filed. The Applicant must wait to provide notice pursuant to Commission Rule 5.107(E) until it receives that memorandum.

SO ORDERED.


¹ Commission Rules 5.116, 5.117, and 5.118.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 18th day of August, 2021.

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Margaret Cheney)	PUBLIC UTILITY
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J. Riley Allen)	OF VERMONT

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Filed: August 18, 2021

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