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Vermont Public Utility Commission  
112 State Street  
Montpelier, VT 05620

***Re: Case No. 20-0789-INV – Response to Order Requesting Comments on Requests to Extend Commissioning Deadlines***

Dear Commissioners:

Green Lantern Development, LLC fully supports the extension of all 2022 commissioning dates by one year. Over the past 10 years and 100 Vermont projects that Green Lantern has developed, financed and constructed, the company has never experienced such overwhelming procurement and construction delays, which continue to threaten the viability of so many projects across Vermont and the northeast.

The material and equipment shortages that started to impact the industry in 2020 due to tariffs and covid shutdowns continued unabated in 2021. Order times for critical components have increased by multiple factors, and delivery times are extremely unreliable, wreaking havoc on project construction schedules. This has required multiple extensions of site control, interconnection, and customer net-metering agreements, and has hamstrung contractors as well. The current labor shortage has added a new layer of delay and complexity.

Vermont's already-short construction season is unforgiving, and these factors have all caused enormous headaches and unforeseen complications that appear, anecdotally, to have impacted nearly every solar developer with whom we regularly communicate, especially the small and medium-sized companies that make up the majority of Vermont's renewable energy employers. A one-year extension is a reasonable and appropriate form of relief for Vermont's renewable energy industry, will also have the salutary impact of reducing the need for the Commission to consider individualized requests.

We appreciate the Commission's consideration.

Sincerely,

GREEN LANTERN DEVELOPMENT, LLC



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