

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: 04/04/2022

ORDER RE: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON SLOPE AND TREE CLEARING

This case concerns an application filed with the Vermont Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) by Randolph Davis Solar LLC (“Petitioner”) to construct and operate a 500 kW group net-metered solar electric generation system in Randolph, Vermont (the proposed “Project”). At the February 15, 2022, scheduling conference, I asked the Petitioner to file supplemental testimony explaining the changes presented in the revised site plan that was filed on February 16, 2022. I also requested that the Petitioner add a layer to the site plan to show the slope of the land.

On February 25, 2022, the Petitioner filed a revised site plan, RDS-MS-2A, that shows the new array configuration and slope of the land that is greater than 25% within the original fence line boundary.

In their motion to stay the proceeding filed on March 2, 2022, Michael Binder and Joan Allen (the “Intervenors”) request that the Petitioner update the revised site plan to include all slopes greater than 25%.

At the scheduling conference, I asked the Petitioner to add a layer to the site plan to show the slope of the land that is greater than 25%. The Petitioner’s chose to include only the slope of the land that is greater than 25% within the fence line boundary. In today’s Order, I ask the Petitioner to update the revised site plan to include slopes greater than 25% within the limit of disturbance of the Project.

I also request that the applicant clarify the information provided in the application regarding proposed clearing at the Project site. The Project’s site plan shows the Project’s limits

of disturbance will encompass 11.9 acres of land.¹ The Petitioner's testimony states that the Project's will involve clearing 11.9 acres of land.² Commission staff initially interpreted these filings to mean that all vegetation within the Project's 11.9 acre limits of disturbance will be cleared. However, at the site visit the Petitioner indicated that some areas of trees within the limits of disturbance might remain standing. To resolve this ambiguity, the Petitioner is directed to provide testimony and exhibits responding to the following requests for information:

1. Clarify whether the entirety of the 11.9 acres within the limits of disturbance will be cleared of vegetation.
2. If areas of vegetation within the limits of disturbance will not be cleared, please provide a revised site plan that delineates the areas where clearing will occur.³
3. Please state the acreage of vegetation that will be cleared.

The Petitioner is requested to file its responses to this information request by no later than April 19, 2022.

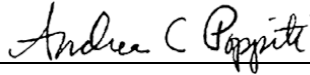
SO ORDERED.

¹ Exh. RDS-MS-2A.

² Staskus pf. at 5 "The Project proposed clearing and limit of disturbance (LOD) will be approximately ±11.9 acres."

³ Commission Rule 5.107(c)(5)(D) (requiring site plants to include "A description of any areas where vegetation is to be cleared or altered"). *Petition of Royalton Post Farm Solar, LLC, for construction of a 500 kW net-metering system in Royalton, Vermont*, Case No. 21-3303-NMP, Order of 2/10/22, at 16-17.


Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 4th day of April, 2022.



Andrea Poppiti
Hearing Officer

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

Filed: April 4, 2022

Attest:  _____
Clerk of the Commission

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