

Vermont Public Utility Commission
112 State Street
Montpelier, VT 05620

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To Whom It May Concern,

We are writing to express our concern that the proposed changes to the Net-Metering Rule do not require companies seeking preferred site letters from towns to notify adjacent landowners. We live next door to the proposed Upper Loveland Road solar project in Norwich. We had no idea how this process worked. We thought that we would be kept up to date regarding the status of the project in our neighborhood. We were not.

We feel strongly that stakeholders should be notified when local selectboards and planning commissions review solar projects. Notification and communication with adjacent landowners is essential for this process to be fair and transparent, particularly when large, commercial-scale projects are proposed for residential neighborhoods. Involving stakeholders at the local level could lessen the workload of the PUC. If stakeholders were invited to participate early on in this process, local governments could address some or all of their concerns before signing a preferred site letter. As a result there may be fewer interventions later, saving everyone involved time and money.

Thank you for your consideration,

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