

January 13, 2023

Holly R. Anderson, Clerk of the Commission  
Vermont Public Utility Commission  
112 State Street  
Montpelier, VT 05620

Re: Case Number 19-0855-RULE - Response to Order Regarding Further Proposed Revisions to Commission Rule 5.100 and Request for Comments.

Dear Ms. Anderson:

My name is Carol Post and I am the landowner associated with a 500 kW net-metered solar project in Royalton, Vermont (CPG# 21-3303-NMP) (the "Solar Project"). The property the Solar Project is located on has been in my family for several generations. The property was once productive farmland, but due to the challenges of farming in Vermont, the property has become a mix of wooded areas and open field. Because of the Solar Project, the property has been brought back to its former productive agricultural state. We are in the process of continuing my family's long history of farming on this property by growing blueberry bushes between the rows of the Solar Project.

The Solar Project provides many benefits to both my family and the State of Vermont. As mentioned above, the Solar Project has brought the property back to its former productive agricultural state. Agriculture will continue to take place on my property, especially within the Solar Project area. In addition, long-term income generated from the Solar Project will help prevent my property from becoming subdivided and permanently converted from forest and agriculture.

The Public Utility Commission's ("Commission") proposed definition of "Significant Forest Clearing" in Rule 5.103 will prevent landowners like myself from benefiting from the net-metering program. The overly broad and vague definition would have applied to my property, which before the Solar Project was an overgrown, mix of wooded areas and open field.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proceeding. I hope the Commission takes my perspective, which is similar to my friends and neighbors who own land similar to mine into account when revising Rule 5.100, especially with regard to the Commission's proposed definition of "Significant Forest Clearing."

Respectfully Submitted,

By: /s/ Carol Post