

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

CPG No. 16-0042-NMP

Application of Orchard Road Solar I, LLC for a certificate of public good, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. §§ 219a and 248, for a 500 kW interconnected group net-metered solar electric generation system in Middletown Springs, Vermont	
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Order entered:

6/29/2018

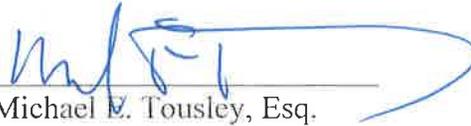
NOTICE OF COMMISSION QUESTIONS DURING ORAL ARGUMENT

The Vermont Public Utility Commission (the “Commission”) hereby provides notice to Richard Spitalny, Robert and Karen Galloway, Daniel McKeen, and Neil and Thomas Russell (the “Neighbors”), Elizabeth Cooper, Orchard Road Solar I, LLC, and the Vermont Department of Public Service of the Commission’s request that these parties be prepared to address the following issues during the oral argument scheduled for this afternoon at 2 PM:

1. In addressing the *Quechee* standard “Have the applicants failed to take generally available mitigating steps which a reasonable person would take to improve the harmony of the project with its surroundings?” is the applicant required to consider alternate sites and if so, where does the burden of proof lie with regard to whether an alternate site offers a “generally available” mitigation measure which the applicant should have to adopt.
2. In addressing the *Quechee* standard “Does the project offend the sensibilities of the average person? Is it offensive or shocking because it is out of character with its surroundings or significantly diminishes the scenic qualities of the area?” what is the significance of the distance of the project from those who would view it and what is the significance of the growing existence of solar arrays in the Vermont landscape?

SO ORDERED.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont this 29th day of June, 2018.



Michael E. Tousley, Esq.
Hearing Officer

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Filed: June 29, 2018
Attest: Judith C. Whitney
Clerk of the Commission

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