

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

CPG #16-0042-NMP

Petition of Orchard Road Solar I, LLC for a certificate of)
public good, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. Sections 219a and)
248, to install and operate a 500 kW group net-metered)
solar electric generation facility on Orchard Road in)
Middletown Springs, Vermont, to be known as the)
“Orchard Road Solar Project”)

Order entered: 8/4/2016

PROCEDURAL ORDER RE APPLICATION AND COMMENT DEADLINE

On July 15, 2016, Orchard Road Solar I, LLC (the “Applicant”) filed with the Vermont Public Service Board (the “Board”) an application (“Application”) for a certificate of public good to install a 500 kW group net-metered solar electric generation facility in Middletown Springs, Vermont, that would be interconnected with the electric distribution system of Green Mountain Power Corporation (“GMP”). On December 31, 2015, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 209(a)(3), the Board suspended the regulatory review of all CPG applications filed after December 4, 2015, for net-metering systems in GMP’s service territory with a capacity of greater than 15 kW.¹

The suspension order was based on GMP’s representation that, as of November 13, 2015, it had received sufficient interconnection requests to exceed the capacity limit on net-metering systems in its service territory. In the order suspending review of such applications, the Board requested that GMP identify the date on which GMP received each interconnection request for net-metering projects subject to the suspension order. On January 6, 2016, GMP provided the Board with a spreadsheet indicating specific net-metering projects and the date each interconnection request was filed with GMP. The Orchard Road Solar I, LLC project was filed

1. *In re: applications for net-metering systems greater than 15 kW in capacity in Green Mountain Power Corporation’s service territory*, Order of 12/31/2015 at 3.

with GMP on October 26, 2015, and therefore would be within GMP's statutory net-metering cap.

Accordingly, the Board will now proceed with review of the Application pursuant to Board Rule 5.110(C). Comments, motions to intervene, and requests for a hearing in this matter must be filed in writing with the Board by no later than August 25, 2016.²

The Board has received preliminary comments on the Application from the Rutland Regional Planning Commission ("RRPC") and adjoining landowner Richard Spitalny, as well as public comments from nearby landowners Karen and Robert Galloway. To facilitate review of the Application, we direct the Applicant to respond to those comments. The Applicant shall file its response by Thursday, August 18, 2016.

SO ORDERED.

2. The Board has already received comments on the application from the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation, the Rutland Regional Planning Commission, and one adjoining landowner. The Board appreciates these timely comments. Due to an oversight, the Board had not yet issued an order resuming the regulatory review of the application, which was suspended by the Board's December 31, 2015, order. The Board is proceeding in the manner described in this Order to avoid prejudice to any interested person who has not commented on the application because of the suspension order.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 4th day of August, 2016.

s/ James Volz)

) PUBLIC SERVICE

s/ Margaret Cheney)

) BOARD

s/ Sarah Hofmann)

) OF VERMONT

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

FILED: August 4, 2016

ATTEST: s/ Judith C. Whitney
Clerk of the Board

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