

# Certificate of Public Good (CPG) Procedural History Timeline

## Charlotte Solar Standard Offer Project

### *10-month CPG Process*

#### **January 26, 2012:**

Petitioner filed a petition with the Vermont Public Service Board (Board) requesting a CPG under 30 V.S.A. § 248 to install and operate a 2.2 MW solar electric generating facility (Project) located on the north side of Hinesburg/Charlotte Road in Charlotte, Vermont. The petition included pre-filed testimony.

#### **February 23, 2012:**

Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets ("VAAF") filed a motion to intervene.

#### **March 13, 2012:**

Prehearing Conference was held. At the Prehearing conference, the Town and the Neighbors moved to intervene in this Docket. These motions were granted, limited to issues of orderly development of the region and aesthetics. However, the Neighbors were given leave to amend their motion before March 30, 2012. These actions were memorialized in a Prehearing Conference Memorandum and Scheduling Order dated March 23, 2012. Additionally, VAAF's motion to intervene was granted.

#### **March 21 & 22, 2012:**

Notice of a Public Hearing for the project was published in the *Charlotte Citizen*.

#### **March 30, 2012:**

Neighbors moved to amend the scope of their intervention to include, in addition to the criteria originally requested, Section 248 (a)(2) (general public good), (b)(4) (economic benefit) and (b)(5) (public health, safety and noise).

#### **April 3, 2012:**

Site visit and Public Hearing were held. Approximately 75 members of the public attended the public hearing, of whom 18 spoke. The Board also received 24 letters and emails with additional public comment. These public comments are described later in this Proposal for Decision.

**April 9, 2012:**

Through their attorney, William Ellis, Esq., Interveners filed a motion to intervene in this Docket and to be joined with the Neighbors.

**April 16, 2012:**

The Hearing Officer granted the Neighbors' March 30 motion in part, expanding the scope of their intervention to include issues of economic benefit, public health, safety and noise. He also granted the April 9 motion of Interveners in part, as described in the Order. Because these parties are represented by the same counsel as the Neighbors and have largely identical interests, these parties are included in all references to "the Neighbors" in this Order.

**May 10, 2012:**

Non-petitioner parties pre-filed their direct testimony.

**June 10, 2012:**

Petitioner pre-filed the rebuttal testimony with associated exhibits, including revised plans for the Project ("Revised Site Plan"). The Petitioner also submitted a Stipulation entered into between the Petitioner and the Town.

**June 14, 2012:**

Petitioner pre-filed supplemental testimony. This filing included a system impact study.

**June 19, 2012:**

Neighbors pre-filed the sur-rebuttal testimony and exhibits.

**June 19 & 20, 2012:**

Technical Hearings were held, at which the pre-filed testimony, exhibits and the Stipulation were admitted into the record.

**June 19, 2012:**

Department filed a determination that the Project is consistent with the *Vermont Electric Plan*, in accordance with 30 V.S.A. § 202(f).

**July 18, 2012:**

Parties filed briefs.

**August 1, 2012:**

Neighbors and Petitioner filed reply briefs. No other parties filed comments.

## **SCHEDULE**

- March 27, 2012:** Round I Discovery on Petitioner.
- April 3, 2012:** Public Hearing and Site Visit.
- April 6, 2012:** Round I Petitioner Responses to Discovery.
- April 10, 2012:** Intervention Deadline; Responses to Intervention Requests Seven days after request is received, but no later than April 13, 2012, whichever date is earlier.
- April 27, 2012:** Round II/New Parties Discovery on Petitioner.
- May 3, 2012:** Round II Petitioner Responses to Discovery.
- May 10, 2012:** Stipulation or Parties' Pre-filed Direct Testimony.
- May 14, 2012:** Petitioner Serves Discovery on Parties.
- May 29, 2012:** Parties' Responses to Discovery.
- June 1, 2012:** Petitioner's Rebuttal Testimony.
- June 7, 2012:** Parties Serve Discovery on Petitioner.
- June 11, 2012:** Petitioner Responses to Discovery.
- June 19-20, 2012:** Technical Hearings.

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## Chester Solar Standard Offer Project

### *5-Month CPG Process*

#### **December 14, 2012:**

Petitioner filed a petition with the Vermont Public Service Board (Board) requesting a Certificate of Public Good under 30 V.S.A. § 248 to install and operate a 2.0 MW solar electric generating facility (Project) to be located near the intersection of Route 103 and Trebo Road in Chester, Vermont.

#### **March 1, 2013:**

Prehearing conference in this Docket.

#### **March 25, 2013:**

Project site visit and public hearing. The site visit was attended by representatives of the Petitioner and the Department. Approximately ten members of the public attended the public hearing.

#### **March 29, 2013:**

Chair of the Planning Commission for the Town of Chester filed comments on the Project.

#### **March 29, 2013:**

Southern Windsor County Regional Planning Commission ("SWRPC") entered a Notice of Appearance and moved to intervene. SWRPC's motion was granted.

#### **April 5, 2013:**

Petitioner filed amended plans for the Project. The amended plans shifted the location of certain proposed panels at the site. Additionally, the Petitioner submitted an amended decommissioning plan.

#### **May 8, 2013:**

Parties filed a Memorandum for Understanding (MoU) (Exhibit Joint-1), a Joint Proposal for Decision (Exhibit Joint-2), a Draft Certificate of Public Good (Exhibit Joint-3), and revised plans for the Project (Exhibits Pet. RM-11–18). Under the MoU, the parties stipulate and agree that all pre-filed testimony and exhibits, and the MoU shall be admitted without objection as evidence in the proceeding.

**May 16, 2013:**

A technical hearing was held at the Board's hearing room in Montpelier, Vermont.

**May 21, 2013:**

Division for Historic Preservation filed a letter with the Board and the parties.

**SCHEDULE**

**March 25, 2013:**

Site Visit/Public Hearing.

**April 1, 2013:**

Deadline for motions to intervene.

**April 8, 2013:**

Discovery served on Petitioners.

**April 15, 2013:**

Responses to discovery by Petitioners.

**April 22, 2013:**

Parties file stipulation, if any, or a proposed schedule for the remainder of the proceeding.

**April 28, 2013:**

Tentative Technical Hearing (if stipulation is filed).