

February 16, 2016

Vermont Public Service Board  
112 State Street  
Montpelier, VT 05620-2701

Re: CPG #NM-6691 – Response to Comments and Opposition to Comment Period Extension

Dear Clerk of the Board,

The Applicant appreciates the Town of Charlotte's (the "Town") recent comments submitted on February 10, 2016 and the Town's request for additional information and time to review the provided aesthetic memo and screening proposal.

In the spirit of good faith, the Applicant has included herein updated photos, showing the footprint extent of above ground structures as requested by the DPS, ANR and the Town. While the photos do not show objects in 3D, the proposed project's panels will be no higher than the shed and houses immediately adjacent to the proposed location.

Further, in response to questions posed in the Town's latest comments, please see below:

1. Is an access road to the facility proposed? If so, please depict on the simulation.

***The Project will use the existing drive.***

2. What will the proposed interconnection to the grid look like? Please provide depiction.

***The proposed interconnection is depicted on the site plan provided, which includes placement of wires underground between the array and the interconnection point along Route 7. GMP is currently installing new poles and lines on Route 7 and the Project will connect to the new GMP installed pole, which is expected to be in the location depicted in the layout. This was the suggestion of the GMP designer.***

3. What are the objects adjacent to Route 7 in the Landscape Mitigation Plan included in the recent filing?

***We are unclear as to what objects the Town is referring to but, starting from the array and moving towards the road, the objects listed in the previously provided Landscape Mitigation Plan are the following: apple and evergreen trees, and the utility power line pole for interconnection.***

4. Will the power line between the facility and Route 7 will be buried?

***Yes.***

While the Applicant has compliantly responded to the questions raised and the requests for further aesthetic analysis, the Applicant strongly opposes any extension of the comment period. The CPG petition for this project has already been significantly delayed

due to these continuing questions regarding impacts. However, there has been no evidence provided by the parties, which would show how the proposed project raises significant issues with respect to the substantive criteria. In the opposite, the Applicant has now provided extensive expert evidence showing that the proposed project **would not** result in undue adverse impacts.

As such, the Applicant believes that the material provided in the latest photos with the project footprint, as well as the responses herein, is sufficient information for the Board to conclude that the proposed project will not have any undue adverse impact on aesthetics.

Please let us know if you have any questions, otherwise we look forward to issuance of the CPG.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JP', written in a cursive style.

Jeff Peck  
Peck Electric, Inc.

Encl: Mt. Philo – Superimposed Project Footprint Photos

Cc: Vermont Department of Public Service  
Vermont Agency of Natural Resources  
Town of Charlotte



***Viewpoint 3:*** View looking west towards the Project site from the main lookout at the summit of Mt. Philo. The footprint of the proposed rows of panels are shown overlaid on this photograph. Please note that this is not a photo simulation.



***Viewpoint 4:*** View looking west towards the Project site from the lower lookout, west of the Mt. Philo summit. The footprint of the proposed rows of panels are shown overlaid on this photograph. Please note that this is not a photo simulation.