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**State of Vermont  
Public Service Board**

**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Service List, Case # 17-2813-PET (GMP Battery Storage Project, Panton)  
**From:** Judith C. Whitney, Clerk of the Board *jcw*  
**Cc:** David Watts  
**Re:** Request for Comments  
**Date:** May 12, 2017

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**INTRODUCTION**

This case involves a petition filed by Green Mountain Power Corporation (“GMP”) for a certificate of public good pursuant to 30 V.S.A. §248(j), authorizing the installation and operation of a battery storage system on the GMPSolar Panton Project site located in Panton, Vermont (the proposed “Project”). In today’s memorandum, the Vermont Public Service Board (“Board”) seeks comments from participants in this proceeding.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The purpose of the Project is to allow for the storage of electric generation on the GMPSolar Panton Project site and provide local “micro-grid” benefits.

The proposed location of the Project is near the southwest corner of the GMP Solar Panton array footprint, within the approximate limits of an active temporary construction staging area and access road.

The Project would be a self-contained unit that would be housed on an approximately 26-foot by 34-foot concrete slab inside a metal box and surrounded by an 8-foot fenced enclosure with noise dampening material covering the outside of the fenced enclosure. Underground power would be run from the Project parallel to the existing underground line from the GMP Solar Panton project and would connect to an existing terminating cabinet along the access road.

The Project would also include the installation of a ground-mounted 1,500 kVA transformer with secondary oil containment.

**REQUEST FOR COMMENTS**

GMP has petitioned the Board to process the petition pursuant to the streamlined procedures of 30 V.S.A. § 248(j).

Participants in this proceeding are asked to comment on the petition and associated materials for this Project that GMP filed on April 10, 2017, and to comment on GMP's request for the petition to be processed under 30 V.S.A. § 248(j). **Comments are due no later than June 9, 2017.**

Additionally, the Board observes that GMP witness Dan Arthur G. Belarmino testified that,

GMP is in the process of completing a System Impact Study ["SIS] to assure no adverse impacts on system stability and reliability. Provided all recommendations in the System Impact Study and subsequent Facilities Study are implemented, the addition of the battery storage system would have no adverse impact on the safe, reliable, and stable operation of the GMP electric system.<sup>1</sup>

The Board asks GMP to indicate whether it anticipates that the SIS report will be completed and filed prior to the comment deadline.

**GMP should file any reply comments by no later than June 16, 2017.**

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<sup>1</sup> Dan Arthur G. Belarmino, GMP pf. at 11, A. 12.

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