

STATE OF VERMONT  
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Case No. 17-2813-PET

Petition of Green Mountain Power 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 GMP Solar Panton Project site located in Panton, Vermont, to be known as the “GMP Panton Battery Storage Project”	
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Order entered: 10/17/2017

**FIRST PROCEDURAL ORDER**

This proceeding concerns a petition filed by Green Mountain Power Corporation (“GMP”) with the Vermont Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) requesting a certificate of public good (“CPG”) pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 248(j), authorizing the installation and operation of a battery storage system on the GMP Solar Panton Project site in Panton, Vermont, to be known as the “GMP Panton Battery Storage Project” (the “Project”).

On August 31, 2017, the Commission issued an order identifying significant issues with the petition, establishing a schedule for this proceeding, and assigning me as the hearing officer. The schedule included a public hearing with a date to be established in the future.

On October 11, 2017, the Clerk of the Commission issued a notice scheduling the public hearing for Monday, October 23, 2017, commencing at 7:00 P.M., in the Library at the Vergennes Union High School, 50 Monkton Road, Vergennes, Vermont. Prior to the public hearing, at 6:00 PM, the Vermont Department of Public Service will host a presentation by GMP during which the utility will describe the Project and be available to answer questions.

I observe that the deadline for interested persons to intervene in this proceeding has passed. I also realize that, in situations like this, the Commission sometimes revises a schedule to move the intervention deadline to a date occurring after the public hearing was held. This is so because public hearings often generate interest in a case that leads persons to move to intervene. However, the parties have expressed to me the importance of maintaining an efficient procedural schedule in this case so I am reluctant to revise and draw out the established schedule

in order to move the intervention deadline.<sup>1</sup> Therefore, I am not going to revise the intervention deadline, but I do put all parties on notice that late-filed motions to intervene will be considered liberally. This arrangement will accommodate both the interests of potential intervenors and the scheduling needs of the existing parties.

Any persons seeking to intervene in this proceeding should contact the Clerk of the Commission for instructions at (802) 828-2358 or by e-mail at [puc.clerk@vermont.gov](mailto:puc.clerk@vermont.gov), or such persons can visit the Commission's website at <http://puc.vermont.gov/public-participation/introduction-participating-commission-processes> for more information about the intervention process.

**SO ORDERED.**

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 17th day of October, 2017



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John C. Gerhard, Esq.  
Hearing Officer

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

Filed: October 17, 2017

Attest:   
Deputy Clerk of the Commission

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<sup>1</sup> At a prehearing conference in July, GMP stated that the Project has a 4-month construction schedule and that having an order and CPG by January 2018 was important in order to enable the Project to be in place so it could participate in certain ISO-NE markets that take place primarily in the summer. Tr. 7/14/17 at 16:15-25 (Hand).

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