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H.341

Introduced by Representatives Masland of Thetford and Briglin of Thetford

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Energy; public service; municipal government; permitting; net
metering; solar arrays

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to give
municipalities a role in the siting of solar net metering systems of 15 kW or
less.

An act relating to a role for municipal government in the siting of small
solar net metering systems

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. 30 V.S.A. § 219a(c) is amended to read:

(c) The Board shall establish by rule or order standards and procedures
governing application for, and issuance or revocation of a certificate of public
good for net metering systems under the provisions of section 248 of this title.
A net metering system shall be deemed to promote the public good of the State
if it is in compliance with the criteria of this section and ~~board~~ Board rules or
orders. In developing such rules or orders:

1 (1) With respect to a solar net metering system of 15 kW or less, the
2 Board shall provide that the system may be installed ~~ten~~ 30 days after the
3 customer's submission to the Board, the legislative body and planning
4 commission of the municipality where the customer proposes to locate the
5 system, and the interconnecting electric company of a completed registration
6 form and certification of compliance with the applicable interconnection
7 requirements. Within that ~~ten-day~~ 30-day period, the municipal body and the
8 interconnecting electric company may each deliver a letter to the customer and
9 the Board ~~a letter detailing any issues concerning the interconnection of the~~
10 ~~system.~~ In such a letter, the electric company shall describe any
11 interconnection issues and the municipal body shall describe any issues
12 relating to the siting of the system. The customer shall not commence
13 construction of the system prior to the passage of this ~~ten-day~~ 30-day period
14 and, if applicable, resolution by the Board of ~~any interconnection~~ the issues
15 raised by the municipal body or the electric company in accordance with this
16 subsection. If the ~~ten-day~~ 30-day period passes without delivery by the electric
17 company or the municipal body of a letter that raises ~~interconnection~~ issues in
18 accordance with this subsection, a certificate of public good shall be deemed
19 issued on the ~~11th~~ 31st day without further proceedings, findings of fact, or
20 conclusions of law, and the customer may commence construction of the
21 system. On request, the Clerk of the Board promptly shall provide the

1 customer with written evidence of the system's approval. ~~For the purpose of~~
2 ~~this subdivision, the following shall not be included in the computation of~~
3 ~~time: Saturdays, Sundays, State legal holidays under 1 V.S.A. § 371(a), and~~
4 ~~federal legal holidays under 5 U.S.C. § 6103(a).~~

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6 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

7 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.