

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Natural Resources and Energy to which was referred
3 Senate Bill No. 191 entitled “An act relating to setbacks and screening for
4 solar generation plants” respectfully reports that it has considered the same and
5 recommends that the bill be amended in Sec. 2, 30 V.S.A. § 219a
6 (self-generation and net metering), after the first ellipsis, by striking out
7 subsection (c) and inserting in lieu thereof a new subsection (c) to read:

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

14 (1) With respect to a solar net metering system of ~~10~~ 15 kW or less, the
15 Board shall provide that the system may be installed ten days after the
16 customer’s submission to the Board ~~and~~, the interconnecting electric company,
17 and the municipality of a completed registration form and certification of
18 compliance with the applicable interconnection requirements and the setback
19 and screening requirements described in subdivision 248(b)(1) of this title.
20 Within that ten-day period, the interconnecting electric company and the
21 municipality each may deliver to the customer and the Board a letter ~~detailing~~

1 that, in the case of the interconnecting utility, details any issues concerning the
2 interconnection of the system or, in the case of the municipality, addresses the
3 facility's compliance with the setback and screening requirements. The
4 customer shall not commence construction of the system prior to the passage
5 of this ten-day period and, if applicable, resolution by the Board of any
6 ~~interconnection~~ issues raised by the electric company or the municipality in
7 accordance with this subsection. If the ten-day period passes without delivery
8 by the electric company or the municipality of a letter that raises
9 ~~interconnection~~ issues in accordance with this subsection, a certificate of
10 public good shall be deemed issued on the 11th day without further
11 proceedings, findings of fact, or conclusions of law, and the customer may
12 commence construction of the system. On request, the ~~clerk~~ Clerk of the
13 Board promptly shall provide the customer with written evidence of the
14 system's approval. ~~For the purpose of~~ In this subdivision, the following shall
15 not be included in the computation of time: Saturdays, Sundays, State legal
16 holidays under 1 V.S.A. § 371(a), and federal legal holidays under 5 U.S.C.
17 § 6103(a).

18 (2) With respect to a net metering system for which a certificate of
19 public good is not deemed issued under subdivision (1) of this subsection, the
20 Board:

