

**RENEWABLE ENERGY SITING
PROPOSED COMMITTEE BILL (**DRAFT)**

Issue	Possible Solutions
Towns & neighbors don't have voice in PSB process	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Grant towns and planning commissions automatic party status in 248 proceedings (<i>see, e.g.</i>, 30 VSA 248a) (H.377, H.455) 2. Optional "friends of the board" status for adjoining neighbors (<i>see</i> Act 250, 10 VSA 6085(c)(5)). 3. Allow towns to designate solar parks for co-located net metering. To qualify, solar park must have 3-phase power, sun, vehicular access, minimum 1 MW capacity. PSB will determine appropriate pricing for co-located net metering in Act 99 process. 30 VSA 8010.
Obligation for decommissioning not assigned	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. PSB shall assign obligation for decommissioning to the owner. (H.358)
PSB is misinterpreting "average person" for purposes of Quechee test	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clarify that PSB should consider view from adjoining properties in Quechee analysis. <i>See also</i> Act 99, 30 VSA 8010(c)(3)(D) (In net metering rules effective 2017, PSB shall and incorporate Halnon case into Quechee analysis)
"Community solar" misnomer	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Define new "neighborhood solar" as <150KW, owner offered adjoining neighbors to participate as off-takers, and at least 50% of energy is cumulatively offset by neighbors within 5 miles, municipality or school (H.377). PSB shall offer an incentive for "neighborhood solar" in Act 99 net metering rules.
Statutes do not incentivize well-sited solar projects	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Net metering: Direct PSB to include incentive in 2017 net metering rules for environmentally and socially preferred projects ("neighborhood solar") (30 VSA 8010). Environmentally preferred projects include rooftops, parking canopies, gravel pits, quarries, landfills, and brownfields. 2. Standard Offer: Create 1-year pilot for additional 3 MW sited on environmentally preferred sites including rooftops, parking canopies, gravel pits, quarries, landfills, and brownfields.
Notice and comment periods for small projects is insufficient (<15 KW)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Copy of 15 KW registration form to municipality (S.85) (H.341) (H.358) 2. Opportunity for municipality to raise issues on 15KW projects (S.85, H.358)
Membership in multiple net metering groups	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Customer may join multiple net metering groups