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**For your immediate attention:
My/our plea for help:**

Select Board Member

My neighbors want to put in a SunCommon solar panel array (available for 30 homes), next to my home! Seriously, they want to put it along the fence about 100 feet from my house! The best attribute my home has is a 360 degree view, which I will no longer be able to say. This will devalue my house and I am heart broken.

It will also be directly behind the Tourterelle Inn, Dining and Events business (this must be a historical building). It would mean a horrible hit on their wedding and events business.

May I suggest that Tina and Mark Gilbert put it directly behind their house? Or even in front of their home? I feel the Gilbert's were seduced into thinking they would become rich. There are many other ways to lease their land!

This will once again scar Vermont's landscape as seen from route 7. I'm guessing it would be 200 yards away from the road? Photos are attached for a clearer understanding of this ludicrous idea.

I called SunCommon yesterday and spoke to Charity (802-882-8127). I understand that the Gilbert's are requesting a 150 kw. She told me it would be 798 panels, which would be 12 feet high, enough energy credits for 30 homes. Others have told me that these 30 homes are mostly in Massachusetts. Some say it is close to being an acre in size. What does this mean to me? It means that I will look up and see only panels, not Vermont owned land, but leased land that will be ugly.

Does anyone care on what this company is doing to Vermont? I believe that their "good neighbor agreement" is a cover up for "too bad", "you are too late", "they have already signed and we have applied."

I have another neighbor, who supports my/our situation, as she too will have to view this almost full acre alien look to Vermont's rural scenic views from her home. I am sure there are many other neighbors who will find this offensive. But wait, what about all those tourists and what will those daily commuters think?

SunCommon indicated in its' letter that they would be putting in their application today, March 10, 2015. Attached is what they sent me last week, dated the 3rd of March. I received this notification Friday, March 6. The date on their letter indicates they didn't want us to respond before they put in their application.

Please help us.

Sincerely,

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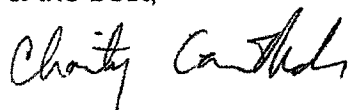
March 3, 2015

Dear Dorey and Marie,

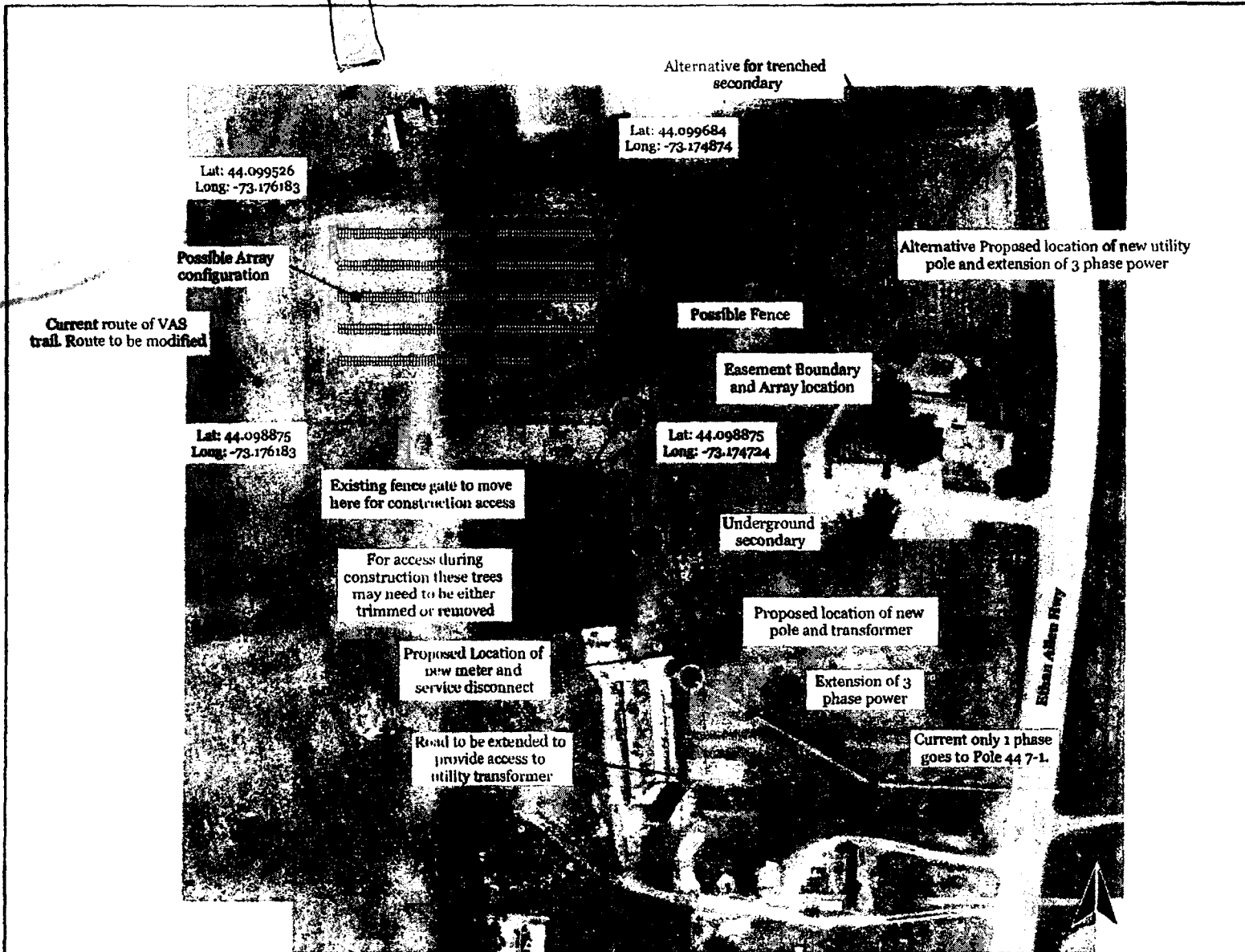
Your neighbors Tina and Mark Gilbert are considering hosting a Community Solar Array (CSA) on their property at 3557 Ethan Allen Highway, New Haven, VT. Since the proposed array will be near your home, I wanted to reach out to you about the project before we submit the application for a permit next week. I have enclosed a copy of the proposed design so you can get a sense of what the array will look like. In addition, I have shared in this mailing our Good Neighbor Agreement, making clear our commitments to you and the communities SunCommon serves.

I anticipate submitting the permit application on Tuesday, March 10th. At that point, you will receive an official copy of the permit application via certified mail. Making changes to the design is much easier at this stage than after we submit our application. If you have any questions or concerns with the CSA, please try to give me a call by Monday, March 9th, or anytime after.

All the best,



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Sheet: PV-A1
Title: Site Plan
Scale: 1" = 100'

Host: Tina Gübert
Address: 3557 Ethan Allen Hwy
New Haven, VT 05472

Lat, Long: -44.099244,
-73.175483

Description: Ground Mounted
Photovoltaic (PV) System
System Size: 207.480kW_{dc} (STC),
150kW_{ac}
Module Model: Kyocera 260-6BCA
Total # of Modules: 798
Inverter Model: (3) STP 24, (4)
STP 20
Racking: Schlotter PV Max 2x21H
Azimuth: 180° (True)
Tilt: 30°

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SunCommon believes that everyone has the right to a healthy environment and safer world — and clean energy is where it starts. Energy from the sun can power our lives, heat our homes and fuel our cars. Our mission is to tear down the barriers to renewable energy. We do that by making it easy and affordable for all Vermonters to go solar. Chartered as a Benefit Corporation and certified as a B Corp, we have legal and moral imperatives that direct us to attend to the triple bottom line of people, planet and profit. In short, we're committed to improving our Vermont community and the people that live here.

Vermonters' Goal

Vermonters overwhelmingly support the state's official goal of having 90% of all our energy come from renewable sources by the year 2050.

Getting There

To achieve this vision of clean, safe, in-state, renewable energy — Vermonters need to build it. In just our first two years, SunCommon has helped hundreds of Vermont homeowners go solar. But over half of all the folks who ask to go solar can't because their homes face away from the sun or are shaded by trees. Vermont needed a solution, so we created Community Solar, where lots of families can benefit from a single solar array in their community. We call them Community Solar Arrays, or CSAs. Each one stands about 10-feet tall and takes up an acre or so of land. We hope to build many of these around the state to help thousands of Vermonters repower our state.

Quality of Community Building

It matters where and how these community-scale solar arrays are built. This is SunCommon's *Good Neighbor Agreement*, making clear our commitments to the communities we seek to serve.

Serving communities. We are Vermonters. We operate in community. Whether it's staffing a booth at a community event or presenting to the Select Board or Energy Committee, we seek to share the beauty of solar — providing accurate and detailed information to our fellow Vermonters. We live with you and strive to be good neighbors.

Engage early on. When we begin planning a Community Solar Array (CSA), we will first engage town officers and community leaders — to seek input on where and how the project is situated.

Community workshops. Once the pieces of a CSA have come together, SunCommon hosts a community workshop to answer any questions about the project and share with members of that community the opportunity to join the CSA as a member.

Locals first. CSA memberships are exclusively available first to residents of the array's surrounding community, bringing community together to build and benefit from the local solar system.

Looking good. We want our solar arrays to look good. For roof-top installations, we design the system to incorporate the home's aesthetic. For community-scale solar, we listen to local ideas for how the array is designed to best fit into our beloved landscape.

The longterm. SunCommon is responsible for maintaining our community arrays for the decades of their green-energy producing lives. We'll be around to make sure the array is in working order and the property looks sharp.

And let us know. SunCommon is proud to be part of this new movement, and we want to get it right. So we seek feedback on how we're doing because we believe this is important work that we're doing with our fellow Vermonters.

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