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**Subject:** TESTIMONY for Natural Resources and Energy Comms: hearing March 24,2015. Solar Project siting

TO: Katie Pickens, Committee Assistant, Senate Natural Resources & Energy Committee

FROM: The Apple Hill Homeowners Association, Bennington VT, Bill Knight President, Lora K. Block, Peter Lawrence

We are submitting this written testimony, **in the document attached below**, to the Senate and House Natural Resources and Energy Committees for their hearing on March 24, 2015. Please enter this document into the formal testimony.

It provides background information about the interaction between our Association and Chelsea Solar, that company's siting of a solar farm abutting our neighborhood and a number of our recommendations and concerns we would like brought to the Committees' attention as a result of our dealings with the siting of this project.

We are copying Legislators and Senators in Bennington County because we believe you should be aware of our concerns. We address serious issues that affect all residents related to the lack of citizen input into the siting of solar projects, which we think should be revised by the legislature.