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An act relating to miscellaneous energy subjects

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

Sec. 1. 30 V.S.A. § 248(s) is amended to read:

(s) This subsection sets minimum setback requirements that shall apply to in-state ground-mounted solar electric generation facilities approved under this section, unless the facility is installed on a canopy constructed on an area primarily used for parking vehicles that is in existence or permitted on the date the application for the facility is filed.

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Sec. 2. 30 V.S.A. § 248b is amended to read:

§ 248b. FEES; AGENCY OF NATURAL RESOURCES; PARTICIPATION
IN SITING PROCEEDINGS

(a) Establishment. This section establishes fees for the purpose of supporting the role of the Agency of Natural Resources (the Agency) in reviewing applications for in-state facilities under sections 248 and 248a of this title.

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(d) Electric and natural gas facilities. This subsection sets fees for applications under section 248 of this title.

(1) There shall be no fee for an electric generation facility less than or equal to ~~139~~ 50 kW in plant capacity, for roof-mounted photovoltaic systems

of any capacity up to and including 500 kW, or for an application filed under subsection 248(k), (l), or (n) of this title.

(2) The fee for electric generation facilities greater than ~~139~~ 50 kW through five MW in plant capacity shall be calculated as follows, except that in no event shall the fee exceed \$15,000.00:

(A) An electric generation facility from 51 kW through 139 kW in plant capacity, \$2.00 per kW.

(B) An electric generation facility from 140 kW through 450 kW in plant capacity, \$3.00 per kW.

~~(B)~~(C) An electric generation facility from 451 kW through 2.2 MW in plant capacity, \$4.00 per kW.

~~(C)~~(D) An electric generation facility from 2.201 MW through five MW in plant capacity, \$5.00 per kW.

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Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on July 1, 2018.