

## Proposed Net – Metering Rule 5.1

### 5.128 Billing Standards and Procedures

(D) 500 kW Customer Limit. The cumulative capacity of net-metering systems allocated to a single customer may not exceed 500 kW. For example, a customer who has two accounts cannot have each account allocated more than 50 percent of the output from two 500 kW net-metering systems because the cumulative capacity of the allocated share of those net -metering systems would exceed 500 kW.

### Talking Points:

- **State “lead by example” Legislation Citations:**
  - **3 V.S.A. § 2291. State agency energy plan**
    - 2016 State Agency Energy Plan goal: **Meet 35% of the State energy need from renewable sources by 2025, and 45% by 2030.**
  - **2011 Act 40 Sec. 47**
    - All State agencies shall reduce overall energy consumption by five percent each year and increase renewable energy generation.
- **The proposed Rule 5.1 presents a challenge for State Government to achieve its interim goal of 35% renewable by 2025.**  
**Currently about 25% of State Government energy is renewable across all sectors (about 15% of the electricity consumed is renewable solar).**
- **BGS will lead by example by installing solar on the Built Environment which aligns with Rule 5.1 Preferred Site Definitions 1, 2, and 9. ([Proposed Rule 5.1, Page 9](#)).**
- **Tax payers have made investments in State owned property. Government can maximize their investment through net-metering.**
  - **BGS Solar projects have saved \$320,000 over three years.**
  - **In FY 2018 alone they will save \$250,000.**
- **Aligns with the State Land Use Policy**