

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Energy and Digital Infrastructure to which was referred
3 House Bill No. 710 entitled “An act relating to defining electricity generating
4 facilities” respectfully reports that it has considered the same and recommends
5 that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and
6 inserting in lieu thereof the following:

7 Sec. 1. 30 V.S.A. § 8002 is amended to read:

8 § 8002. DEFINITIONS

9 As used in this chapter:

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11 (18) “Plant” means an independent technical facility that generates
12 electricity from renewable energy. ~~A group of facilities, such as wind turbines,~~
13 ~~shall be considered one plant if the group is part of the same project and uses~~
14 ~~common equipment and infrastructure such as roads, control facilities, and~~
15 ~~connections to the electric grid. Common ownership, contiguity in time of~~
16 ~~construction, and proximity of facilities to each other shall be relevant to~~
17 ~~determining whether a group of facilities is part of the same project. Multiple~~
18 electricity-generating facilities, regardless of when each is constructed, shall be
19 considered one plant if the facilities use the same electricity-generating
20 technology and are located on the same parcel or contiguous parcels of land.

1 Such facilities shall only be considered separate plants if they meet one of the
2 following exceptions:

3 (A) Exception for individual net-metering and self-consumption.

4 Applies if the facilities:

5 (i) are not located on the same parcel of land;

6 (ii) are wired to offset consumption on separate billing meters; and

7 (iii) supply different retail customers.

8 (B) Exception for multi-owner individual net-metering on the same
9 parcel. Applies if the facilities:

10 (i) are located on the same parcel of land where a common interest
11 community is located;

12 (ii) are wired to offset consumption on separate billing meters; and

13 (iii) supply different retail customers.

14 (C) Exception for colocation of facilities other than net-metering
15 program or Standard Offer Program facilities. Applies if the facilities have
16 separate points of interconnection if:

17 (i) a net-metering facility and a Standard Offer Program facility
18 are not sited on the same parcel or contiguous parcels; and

19 (ii) the statutory capacity cap for the net-metering program or the
20 Standard Offer Program is not exceeded on the same parcel or contiguous
21 parcels.

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(33) “Common interest community” means real estate described in a declaration with respect to which a person, by virtue of the person’s ownership of a unit, is obligated to pay for a share of real estate taxes on, insurance premiums, maintenance, or improvement of, or services or other expenses related to common elements, other units, or other real estate than that unit described in the declaration.

(34) “Contiguous” means sharing a property boundary with another parcel of land or being adjacent to that parcel of land and the two parcels are separated only by a road, recreation path, railway line, stream, or river.

(35) “Electricity-generating technology” means a method or system used to convert energy from one form into electric power, including wind, hydropower or water, solar, or biomass.

(36) “Point of interconnection” means the point on the interconnecting utility’s existing distribution system to which a facility proposes to interconnect.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on July 1, 2026.

1 (Committee vote: _____)

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3 Representative _____

4 FOR THE COMMITTEE