

Sec. 2. 30 V.S.A. § 256 is added to read:

§ 256. PORTABLE SOLAR ENERGY GENERATION DEVICES

(a) A customer may install one or more portable solar energy generation devices per electric meter if the devices have a maximum combined capacity of not more than 1,200 watts. Portable solar energy generation devices shall only be connected to systems using smart meters.

(b) The installation of a portable solar energy generation device that complies with subsection (a) of this section shall not be required to comply with the requirements of section 248 of this chapter or be required to obtain an interconnection agreement with an electric distribution company.

(c) An electric distribution company shall not require a customer using a portable solar energy generation device that complies with subsection (a) of this section to:

(1) obtain the company's approval before installing or using the device;

(2) pay any fee or charge related to the installation of the device; or

(3) install any additional controls or equipment beyond what is integrated into the device;

(4) nothing in this section shall prevent a distribution utility from recovering costs associated with the overloading of the service provided due to the presence of a portable solar energy generation device.

(d) A customer with a net metering system shall not also install a portable solar energy generation device. A portable solar energy generation device shall not be eligible for net metering. Excess generation fed back into the grid by a portable solar energy generation device shall not be compensated by an electric distribution company.

(e) A portable solar energy device in a public building, as defined in 20 V.S.A. § 2730, shall be used in a manner that complies with all applicable

requirements of the most recent Fire and Building Safety Code adopted by the  
Division of Fire Safety.