



April 8, 2025

Representative Kathleen James, Chair
House Committee on Energy and Digital Infrastructure
Vermont State House
115 State Street
Montpelier, VT 05633

Re: S.50

Dear Representative James:

AllEarth Renewables, Inc. offers these comments on the above bill.

AllEarth believes the bill should be passed in substantially the form in which it was introduced in the Senate, and that the Senate amendment that added section (15) to 24 V.S.A. §4412 should be eliminated. The expansion of Vermont's renewable energy registration procedure to 25kW recognizes the dual realities that electrical usage in homes and small business continues to increase as we implement beneficial electrification, and that advances in solar panel technology have led to more efficient land use even on small projects. No one to our knowledge has testified to any significant issues that have arisen around home-sized solar facilities and setbacks. This is not surprising, as purchasers of those systems have no incentive to install them near roads where they may be subject to damage, or at property lines where future tree plantings by a neighbor may compromise the efficiency of the system. There is simply no setback-related problem here that needs to be solved.

Thank you for your consideration of our position on this bill.

Very truly yours,

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