

1 S.50

2 Introduced by Senators Watson, Beck, Bongartz, Hardy and Williams

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Public service; energy; renewable energy; solar energy; net metering

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to increase the

7 size of solar net metering projects that qualify for an expedited approval

8 process from 15 kW to 25 kW.

9 An act relating to increasing the size of solar net metering projects that
10 qualify for expedited registration

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

12 Sec. 1. 30 V.S.A. § 8010 is amended to read:

13 § 8010. SELF-GENERATION AND NET METERING

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15 (c) In accordance with this section, the Commission shall adopt and
16 implement rules that govern the installation and operation of net metering
17 systems.

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19 (3) The rules shall establish standards and procedures governing
20 application for and issuance or revocation of a certificate of public good for net

1 metering systems under the provisions of section 248 of this title. In
2 establishing these standards and procedures:

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4 (F) This subdivision (F) applies to an application for a net metering
5 system with a capacity that is greater than ~~45~~ 25 kilowatts, unless the system is
6 located on a new or existing structure the primary purpose of which is not the
7 generation of electricity. With respect to such a system, the rules shall not
8 waive or include provisions that are less stringent than each of the following:

9 (i) the requirement of subdivision 248(a)(4)(C) of this title to
10 provide a copy of the application to the Agencies of Agriculture, Food and
11 Markets and of Natural Resources; the Department of Public Service; the
12 Division for Historic Preservation; the municipal legislative body; and the
13 municipal and regional planning commissions; and

14 (ii) the requirements of subsection 248(f) (preapplication
15 submittal) of this title.

16 (G) The rules shall establish an expedited registration procedure for
17 net metering systems up to 25 kilowatts in size.

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19 Sec. 2. RULEMAKING

20 The Public Utility Commission shall update its Rule 5.100 to allow ground
21 mounted photovoltaic net metering systems of not more than 25 kW to qualify

1 for expedited registration. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the
2 Commission shall allow systems of not more than 25 kW to use the expedited
3 registration before the rules are updated.

4 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

5 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.