

STATE OF VERMONT  
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

CPG #NM-385

Application of Hannaford Bros. Co. for a certificate )  
of public good for an interconnected net metered )  
photovoltaic electrical power system )

Order entered: 11/16/2007

**I. INTRODUCTION**

This case involves an application filed by Hannaford Bros. Co. ("Applicant"), on August 17, 2007, requesting a certificate of public good ("CPG"), pursuant to 30 V.S.A. §§ 219a and 248 and Vermont Public Service Board ("Board") Rule 5.100, for a net metering system. The net metering system consists of a photovoltaic system to be located in Williston, Vermont.

Applicant informed the Board that on August 15, 2007, notice of the application had been sent to all parties as specified in the Board's Rule 5.100. The notice stated that any party wishing to submit comments or request a hearing in this matter needed to file comments with the Board within ten (10) working days of the date that the notice of the application was sent.

No comments have been received from any other parties or interested persons.

The Board has reviewed the application and accompanying documents and agrees that, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. §§ 219a and 248 and the Board's Rule 5.100, a CPG should be issued without further investigation or hearing.

**II. FINDINGS**

Based upon the application and its accompanying documents, the Board makes the following findings in this matter.

1. The proposed net metering project will be on property owned by the Applicant and located at the Hannaford Brothers store located at 78 Marshall Avenue in Williston, Vermont. Application at Section 1.

2. The proposed net metering facility is to be erected on an existing structure. Application at Section 4.

3. The proposed project consists of a photovoltaic electrical generation system with a system rated output of 23.607 kW AC. The facility will be interconnected with the Green Mountain Power Corporation electrical distribution system. Application at Section 4 and attachment.

4. Applicant has certified that the project is in compliance with all of the provisions of Section 3 of the application. Based on these submissions, we conclude that the project does not raise a significant issue with respect to the environmental criteria of 30 V.S.A. § 248. Application at Section 3.

5. Applicant has certified compliance with the insurance requirements as set forth in Section 3 of the application. Application at Section 3.

### **III. CONCLUSION**

In Docket No. 6181,<sup>1</sup> the Board developed a net metering program in accordance with the statutory requirements of 30 V.S.A. § 219a. This program was further refined by the Board with the adoption of Board Rule 5.100 on March 1, 2001. The goals of the Order and Rule are to encourage private investment in renewable energy resources, stimulate the economic growth of the state and enhance the continued diversification of energy sources used in Vermont. The standards and requirements adopted in the Order and Rule have been determined by the Board to protect public safety and system reliability.

Board Rule 5.100, in general, allows for the approval of net metering systems, other than farm systems, which generate no more than 15 kilowatts (AC) capacity.<sup>2</sup> However, an exception in the Rule permits the Board to approve ten net metering systems per year with capacities of up to 150 kilowatts (AC) each. The Board realizes that these relatively larger net metering systems could have potentially significant impacts on the communities in which they are located and the

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1. *Investigation into the Use of A Net Metering System for the Purchase and Sale of Electricity from Small Electrical Generating Systems to and from Electric Companies*, Docket No. 6181, April 21, 1999.

2. Rule 5.100 at Section 5.102(C).

serving electrical utilities. The Applicant's net metering project will produce up to 23.607 kilowatts (AC). However, the Board has received no objections regarding the system from any parties notified by the Applicant, including the Applicant's electrical utility. In addition, this is only the fourth application for a project exceeding 15 kilowatts (AC) capacity the Board has reviewed this year. Therefore, the Board will allow the system to be approved as one of the ten systems per year in excess of 15 kilowatts (AC) capacity as established in Rule 5.100.

Based upon the findings and evidence, the proposed net metering project will be in compliance with the requirements of the Board's Order in Docket No. 6181 and Rule 5.100, the application does not raise a significant issue with respect to the substantive criteria of 30 V.S.A. § 248, and the proposed project will promote the general good of the state.

#### **IV. ORDER**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by the Public Service Board of the State of Vermont that the photovoltaic net metering system proposed by Hannaford Bros. Co. to be located in Williston, Vermont, in accordance with the evidence and plans submitted in this proceeding, will promote the general good of the State of Vermont pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 219a, and a certificate of public good to that effect shall be issued in this matter, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. §§ 219a and 248.

DATED at Montpelier, Vermont, this 16th day of November, 2007.

s/James Volz )

) PUBLIC SERVICE

s/David C. Coen )

) BOARD

s/John D. Burke )

) OF VERMONT

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

Filed: November 16, 2007

Attest: s/Susan M. Hudson

Clerk of the Board

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*Appeal of this decision to the Supreme Court of Vermont must be filed with the Clerk of the Board within thirty days. Appeal will not stay the effect of this Order, absent further Order by this Board or appropriate action by the Supreme Court of Vermont. Motions for reconsideration or stay, if any, must be filed with the Clerk of the Board within ten days of the date of this decision and order.*