

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

CPG #NM-704

Application of Les and Claire Pike for a certificate)
of public good for an interconnected group net)
metered biogas generator electric power system)

Order entered: 12/9/2009

I. INTRODUCTION

This case involves an application filed by Les and Claire Pike ("Applicants") on November 3, 2009, 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.¹ The net metering system is a group system that utilizes a biogas generation system and includes five electric meters on the Applicants' property.

Notice of the application in this docket was 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 thirty (30) days of the date that the notice of the application was sent.

No comments have been received.

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 group net metering project is located on property owned by the Applicants at 1474 Waterbury Road in Stowe, Vermont. Application at Section 1.

1. The application was initially filed on July 13, 2009, but was not completed until November 3, 2009.

2. The proposed net metering facility is a new structure and will be connected to an anaerobic digester on the Applicants' farm. The digester will utilize cow manure produced on the farm. Application at Section 4.

3. The proposed group system consists of a biogas system with a total power output of 20 kW AC. The facility will be interconnected with the Town of Stowe Electric Department electrical distribution system. Application at Section 4 and attachments.

4. Applicants have specified the meters to be included in the group system by account number and location. Applicants have also provided a method for adding or removing meters included in the group system. Application at Section 7 and attachments.

5. Applicants have designated themselves as the persons responsible for receiving all communications regarding the group system. Application at Section and attachments.

6. All disputes among users of the group system shall be resolved by the Applicants. Application at Section 7 and attachments.

7. Applicants have certified that the project is in compliance with all of the provisions of Sections 3 and 8 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 Sections 3 and 8 and Attachments.

8. Applicants have certified compliance with the insurance requirements as set forth in Section 3 of the application. Application at Section 3.

III. CONCLUSION

In Docket No. 6181,² 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. 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

2. 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.

requirements adopted in the Order and Rule have been determined by the Board to protect public safety and system reliability.

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 group net metering system, 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 9th day of December, 2009.

<u>s/James Volz</u>)	
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<u>s/David C. Coen</u>)	
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<u>s/John D. Burke</u>)	

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Filed: December 9, 2009

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.