

STATE OF VERMONT  
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

CPG #NM-606

Application of Robert and Linda Dimmick for a )  
certificate of public good for an interconnected net )  
metered farm system )

Order entered: 4/15/2009

**I. INTRODUCTION**

This case involves an application filed by Robert and Linda Dimmick ("Applicants") on March 10, 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.<sup>1</sup> The net metering system is a farm system which utilizes an anaerobic digester system and includes two meters on the Applicants' property in Randolph Center, Vermont.

Notice of the application in this docket was sent by the Applicants 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 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 metered farm system is located on farm property owned by the Applicants at 1362 Curtis Road in Randolph Center, Vermont. Application at Section 1.
2. The farm system utilizes anaerobic digestion of cow manure produced on the farm to generate electricity. Application at Attachments.

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1. The application was initially filed on February 24, 2009, but was not completed until March 10, 2009.

3. The proposed farm system consists of an anaerobic digester system with a system rated power output of 19 kW AC. The facility will be interconnected with the Central Vermont Public Service Corporation electrical distribution system. Application at Attachments.

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

5. Applicants have designated Robert Dimmick as the person responsible for receiving all communications regarding the farm system. Application at Attachments.

6. All disputes regarding the farm system shall be resolved by the Applicants. Application at 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,<sup>2</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. 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.

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

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*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.*

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 farm net metering system proposed by the Applicants, 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 15th day of April, 2009.

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

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

Filed: April 15, 2009

Attest: s/Judith C. Whitney  
Deputy 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.*