

STATE OF VERMONT  
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Docket No. 7762

Application of Northshire Bookstore Properties, LLC )  
for a certificate of public good authorizing the )  
installation and operation of a 15.732 kW solar )  
electric generating facility pursuant to 30 V.S.A. )  
§ 8007(a) )

Order entered: 9/1/2011

**I. INTRODUCTION AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY**

This case involves an application filed by Northshire Bookstore Properties, LLC ("Northshire"), on August 23, 2011, requesting a certificate of public good ("CPG"), pursuant to 30 V.S.A. §§ 219a and 8007(a) and Vermont Public Service Board ("Board") Rule 5.100, for a roof-mounted solar electric generating facility.

Previously, on July 21, 2011, Northshire had filed an Application for a Certificate of Public Good for SPEED Standard-Offer Projects with a Plant Capacity of 150 kW or less. However, because the project developer stated in the cover letter that this was to be a net-metered project, the Board on August 10, 2011, issued a CPG to Northshire for a net metering system. Northshire now requests that the Board revoke the CPG for a net metering project, and issue instead a CPG pursuant to the provisions of 30 V.S.A. § 8007(a). Northshire also requests that the Board waive the 10-day comment period.

The Board has reviewed the application and accompanying documents and agrees that, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. §§ 219a, 248, 8007(a) and Board 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 project will be on property owned by Northshire and located at 4869 Main Street in Manchester Center, Vermont. Application at Section 1.

2. The proposed generating 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 15.732 kW AC. The facility will be interconnected with the Central Vermont Public Service Corporation electrical distribution system. Application at Section 4 and attachment.

4. The proposed project is being developed under the Sustainably Priced Energy Enterprise Development ("SPEED") standard-offer program. A standard-offer contract has been executed between the SPEED Facilitator and Northshire. *See* letter from Chris Morrow to Susan Hudson, Clerk of the Board, dated August 19, 2011.

5. Northshire 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.

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

### **III. CONCLUSION**

Pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 8007(a), all small renewable energy plants of 150 kW or less in capacity may utilize the streamlined application and interconnection procedures developed for net metering systems under 30 V.S.A. § 219a and Board Rule 5.100.

Based upon the findings and evidence, the proposed small renewable energy project meets the requirements of Board 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.

With respect to Northshire's request that the Board waive the 10-day comment period, we note that parties had a 10-day period in which to comment on the proposed project when the application was originally filed on July 21, 2011. Because no party submitted comments on the original application, and because today's Order is principally a technical correction, rather than a

new determination, we find that the original 10-day comment period afforded parties sufficient opportunity to comment. Therefore, good cause exists to grant Northshire's request, and we hereby waive the 10-day comment period.<sup>1</sup>

#### **IV. ORDER**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by the Public Service Board of the State of Vermont that:

1. The proposed photovoltaic 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, 248, and 8007(a), and a certificate of public good to that effect shall be issued in this matter.
2. Construction, operation, and maintenance of the proposed project shall be in accordance with the plans and representations as submitted in this proceeding. Any material deviation from these plans must be approved by the Board.
3. The proposed project is hereby certified as a Sustainably Priced Energy Enterprise Development (SPEED) project.
4. Northshire Bookstore Properties, LLC shall comply with any applicable requirements regarding the disclosure of renewable attributes that are established in other proceedings, including Docket 7533, and Board Rules.

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1. Any party who objects to the waiver may submit its objection in a motion for reconsideration.

DATED at Montpelier, Vermont, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of September, 2011.

<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>	)	

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

Filed: September 1, 2011

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.*