

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Case No. 20-0789-INV

Vermont Public Utility Commission orders and memoranda issued in response to COVID-19 pandemic	
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Order entered: 02/01/2022

ORDER REQUESTING COMMENTS

ON REQUESTS TO EXTEND COMMISSIONING DEADLINES

On January 18, 2022, Renewable Energy Vermont (“REV”) filed a request that the Vermont Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) grant a one-year extension of all commissioning deadlines for net-metering and standard-offer projects whose commissioning deadlines fall on or after January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022. REV stated that it was making this request in recognition of (1) continued supply-chain disruptions due to the COVID-19 pandemic, which it stated are especially severe for the solar industry, and (2) rapidly increasing COVID-19 case numbers. REV added that it was requesting this action “to help forestall a wave of individualized extension requests.”¹

On January 19, 2022, AllEarth Renewables, Inc. (“AllEarth”) filed a similar extension request. AllEarth stated that it is “experiencing first-hand the supply chain disruptions and other impacts brought about by the cumulative effects of the ongoing pandemic and most recently the Omicron variant.”² AllEarth also stated that these factors have affected Vermont’s electric utilities such that AllEarth is “observing up to two months of utility delay in interconnecting even small new solar projects to the grid.”

We are treating REV’s and AllEarth’s filings as motions.³ We ask that any responses to REV’s and AllEarth’s motions be filed as public comments by February 11, 2022. Public comments are requested to address how the COVID-19 pandemic is affecting construction

¹ Letter from Jonathan Dowds, REV, to Holly Anderson, Clerk, Commission, filed 1/18/22 at 1.

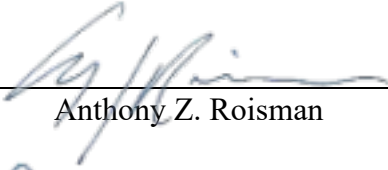
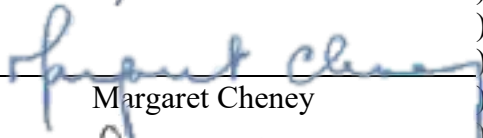
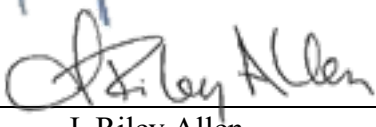
² Motion for Extension of Commissioning Deadlines filed by David Mullett, AllEarth, on 1/19/22 at 1.

³ To see REV’s and AllEarth’s filings in ePUC, look at the “Public Comments” tab. The Commission recognizes that because Case 20-0789-INV was set up without any parties or participants, the only way to make filings in this case is as public comments. Filers should be aware that this is only acceptable in this particular case; in all other Commission cases, requests for Commission action should be filed either as a motion or a petition and responses to motions should be filed as such.

activities. Public comments may also propose alternative extensions or recommend that the Commission not grant further extensions. Such public comments should be filed in Case No. 20-0789-INV in ePUC; if you are attaching a document, instead of typing “See attached file” in the comment text box, please type “re REV and AllEarth motions” to make it easier for all users to identify those public comments that are responsive to this order.

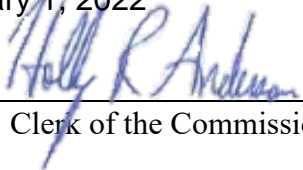
SO ORDERED.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 1st day of February, 2022.

 _____ Anthony Z. Roisman)	PUBLIC UTILITY
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 _____ Margaret Cheney)	COMMISSION
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 _____ J. Riley Allen)	OF VERMONT
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OFFICE OF THE CLERK

Filed: February 1, 2022

Attest: 

 Clerk of the Commission

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