

Greetings!



As you know, since last November we have been waiting for the Public Service Board (PSB) to make a final ruling on Green Mountain Power's petition (Docket No. 8652) to allow an additional 7.5 MW of "Above the Cap" net metering projects in their net metering queue (we're in that queue with Acorn Energy Solar 2). The PSB has now published their long-awaited Final Order on Friday, June 24.

However, the final order amends GMP's original requirements in two critical ways:

1. In order to qualify as an "Above the Cap" project, **at least 50%** of the project's production must now be consumed by the host customer or a customer located on a contiguous parcel of land. In addition, Projects where the host customer uses 100% of the power from the project will be given preference. *[Last November we were told that host customer's consumption could be 2%, so we restructured our model to accommodate that requirement. Now the rules have been changed again].*
2. Projects must be located on a circuit labeled "green" on GMP's Solar Map. *[Last November, this was not mentioned as being a participation requirement. Again, the rules have been changed].*

Unfortunately our proposed AES2 site on Watch Point Road in Shoreham fails on both of these new requirements. There is no way we can meet the new 50% on-site consumption requirement, and the property is located in a "yellow" GMP zone (In fact, virtually the entire town is in that yellow zone, precluding any alternate site in Shoreham under these new rules).

After careful consideration, we are sorry to say that the PSB decision has forced us to abandon our plans to locate our Community Solar project in Shoreham, but we have not given up on AES2.

We are now looking for a new site in one of GMP's "green zones," and must do so within approximately the next three weeks in order to meet the new "qualification window" contained in the PSB Final Order. If we are able to find a site which qualifies, we intend to re-submit an

amended application for a Certificate of Public Good (CPG) for AES2.

We need your help to try to locate that new site!

As a practical matter, we're probably talking about an operating farm or an industrial consumer of electricity with an annual electrical bill in excess of \$13,500 located near a three-phase power line in one of the following "green zone" towns: **Monkton Boro, Bristol, Middlebury, E. Middlebury, Ripton, West Salisbury, Cornwall, W. Cornwall, Leicester, Brandon, Florence, Pittsford, Proctor.**

This farm or company needs to have approximately one acre of well-drained, non-agricultural land with an unobstructed southern solar exposure where the 150 kilowatt AES2 project could be constructed. If you own (or know of) a potential site, please contact us immediately by calling our coordinator, Mary Mester at 802-385-1911 or by sending an email to info@acornenergycoop.com.

We thank you for your patience and ongoing support.

Sincerely,

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