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** * * Net Metering * * **

Sec. 1. 30 V.S.A. § 219a is amended to read:

§ 219a. SELF-GENERATION AND NET METERING

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(c) The board shall establish by rule or order standards and procedures governing application for, and issuance or revocation of a certificate of public good for net metering systems under the provisions of section 248 of this title. A net metering system shall be deemed to promote the public good of the state if it is in compliance with the criteria of this section, and board rules or orders. In developing such rules or orders, the board:

(1) With respect to a solar net metering system of 5 kW or less, shall provide that the system may be installed ten days after the customer's submission to the board and the interconnecting electric company of a completed registration form and certification of compliance with the applicable interconnection requirements. Within that ten-day period, the interconnecting electric company may deliver to the customer and the board a letter detailing any issues concerning the interconnection of the system. The customer shall not commence construction of the system prior to the passage of this ten-day period and, if applicable, resolution by the board of any interconnection issues raised by the electric company in accordance with this subsection. If the ten-day period passes without delivery by the electric company of a letter that raises interconnection issues in accordance with this subsection, a certificate of public good shall be deemed issued on the 11th day without further proceedings, findings of fact, or conclusions of law, and the customer may commence construction of the system. On request, the clerk of the board promptly shall provide the customer with written evidence of the system's approval. For the purpose of this subdivision, the following shall not be included in the computation of time: Saturdays, Sundays, state legal holidays under 1 V.S.A. § 371(a), and federal legal holidays under 5 U.S.C. § 6103(a).

(2) With respect to a net metering system for which a certificate of public good is not deemed issued under subdivision (1) of this subsection:

(A) may waive the requirements of section 248 of this title that are not applicable to net metering systems, including, but not limited to, criteria that are generally applicable to public service companies as defined in this title;

(2)(B) may modify notice and hearing requirements of this title as it deems appropriate;

(3)(C) shall seek to simplify the application and review process as appropriate; and

(4)(D) shall find that such rules are consistent with state power plans.

Passage taken from pages 73-75 of the full text of the Vermont Energy Act 2011 as found at
<http://www.leg.state.vt.us/docs/2012/bills/Passed/H-056.pdf>