

**STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Case No. 21-1939-PET

Petition of Sterling Mountain Solar, LLC, pursuant to Commission Rule 5.508, seeking dispute resolution with the Village of Hyde Park Electric Department regarding an interconnection request for 212 Centerville Road in Hyde Park	
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Case No. 21-1940-PET

Petition of Sterling Mountain Solar, LLC, pursuant to Commission Rule 5.508, seeking dispute resolution with the Village of Hyde Park Electric Department regarding an interconnection request for 5809 VT 100 in Hyde Park	
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Case No. 21-1941-PET

Petition of Sterling Mountain Solar, LLC, pursuant to Commission Rule 5.508, seeking dispute resolution with the Village of Hyde Park Electric Department regarding an interconnection request for 3047 Center Road in Hyde Park	
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**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REPLY TO THE REQUEST OF STERLING
MOUNTAIN SOLAR, LLC TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF INFORMAL DISCOVERY AND
NEGOTIATIONS**

On May 28, 2021, Sterling Mountain Solar, LLC (“Petitioner”) filed three petitions with the Vermont Public Utility Commission (“Commission”), under Commission Rule 5.508, seeking dispute resolution with the Village of Hyde Park Electric Department (“Hyde Park Electric”) regarding interconnection requests for 212 Centerville Road, 5809 VT 100, and 3047 Center Road in Hyde Park. A scheduling conference was held on July 1, 2021, where it was agreed that a period of

informal discovery and negotiations would be held which, per an order issued on July 2, 2021, would end with a status update on August 2, 2021. Per the request of the parties, the Commission extended this informal negotiation phase until August 24, 2021, in an order issued on August 5, 2021. On August 24, 2021, the Petitioner requested another extension of the informal discovery and negotiation period until September 30, 2021. On September 27, 2021, the Petitioner requested another extension, until November 24, 2021.

The Vermont Department of Public Service ("Department") supports this request and will continue to engage the parties in this dispute. The Department understands that Hyde Park Electric is also amenable to this extension. Thank you for the opportunity to comment, please do not hesitate to contact me with further questions.

Dated in Montpelier, Vermont on this 28th day of September 2021.

VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE

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