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June 9, 2025

Re: Case No. 25-1023-PET: Petition of Murphy Road Energy Storage, LLC for a certificate of public good pursuant to 30 V.S.A. §§ 231 and 248(j) for a 5 MW battery storage facility off Murphy Road in Bennington, Vermont.

Dear State Statutory Entity, Local Statutory Entity, and Landowners:

On May 22, 2025, Murphy Road Energy Storage, LLC (Petitioner) filed a Petition and supporting materials requesting a certificate of public good from the Vermont Public Utility Commission (Commission), the formal regulatory approval authorizing the Petitioner to begin construction in accordance with 30 V.S.A. Section 248(j) and Commission Rule 5.400 to install and operate a 5 MW battery storage facility at 419 Murphy Road, in Bennington, Vermont (the "Project"). The Petitioner also seeks approval under Section 231 for it to own and operate the Project with de minimis regulation. We have enclosed a copy of that Petition and a map with a site plan to assist you in locating the Project site location, boundaries, and facilities.

You are receiving this letter because your property may directly adjoin (or is only separated by a river, stream, railroad line, or public highway) the proposed Project site, or you are an entity identified in the Public Utility Commission Rule 5.402. The Petitioner is providing notice to all landowners of record adjoining the Project parcel, as required by the Commission rules.

On June 6, 2025, the Commission deemed the Petition filing complete, and that case has been opened, meaning that further proceedings on the Petition will soon be scheduled. The Case Number is 25-1023-PET. The Commission explained that comments must be submitted within 30 days of the date that service of the complete filing is provided. As service will be completed on June 9, 2025, comments must be submitted by <u>July 9, 2025</u>, on whether the petition raises a significant issue with respect to the substantive criteria of 30 V.S.A. Section 248.

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with some information in addition to that which is found in the Petition, as required under Public Utility Commission rules.

With the exception of those state agencies that will receive notice of and access to the petition via ePUC, the Completion Determination requires the Petitioner to provide a copy of the petition pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 248(a)(4)(C) and (j)(2) to all entities and persons entitled to receive such copies (Statutory Entities) within two business days of the Completion Determination. Additionally, to the extent that the Petitioner has not provided notice of the filing of the petition to *Admitted in Vermont and New Hampshire

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all persons and entities entitled to receive such notice pursuant to Commission Rule 5.402(A) (such as Adjoining Landowners), the Completion Determination requires the Petitioner to provide such notice along with information on how the public may participate in this case.

On June 9, 2025, the Petitioner provided a copy of the petition, testimony, exhibits, and associated administrative documents to the entities identified in Rule 5.402(A) via email or ePUC as permitted by Commission rules, and mailed a copy of the petition along with this letter to the Adjoining Landowners.

For additional information regarding the Commission's processes, including your right to formally participate in the proceeding, please refer to a Commission document "Public Participation and Intervention in Proceedings Before the Public Utility Commission," found on the Commission's website at https://puc.vermont.gov/document/public-participation-andintervention-proceedings-public-utility-commission.

Because the petition is filed under Section 248(j), please refer to the Commission's Section 248(j) procedures document, found on the Commission's website at https://puc.vermont.gov/document/section-248j-procedures.

The Commission's rules also require the Petitioner to give notice of each municipal and regional planning commission's right under 30 V.S.A. § 248(f)(1)(A) to convene a public hearing on the proposed petition, and of each planning commission's right under 30 V.S.A. § 248(f)(1)(C) to submit recommendations to the Petitioner within 40 days of the Petitioner's submittal to the planning commissions. Each planning commission has the right under 30 V.S.A. § 248(f)(1)(D) to make recommendations to the Commission after a petition is filed. The Commission will give due consideration to any such recommendations. Recommendations made to the Commission pursuant to this subsection, or the lack of such recommendations, shall not preclude municipal and regional planning commissions and municipal legislative bodies from exercising their right to appear as parties pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 248(a)(4)(G)-(I).

The Petitioner's application to the Commission must address any written comments provided to the Petitioner in response to the 45-day advance submission that are related to the Section 248(b) criteria and any oral comments related to those criteria made at a public hearing conducted pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 248(f)(1)(A). The Petitioner has provided this information in its Section 248 filing which link is provided below.

All documents filed by Petitioner, including all information that the Commission requires the Petitioner to provide in this letter under Commission Rule 5.402(C), and other parties as well as any orders that may be issued by the Commission in this case may be found through the Commission's electronic filing system known as ePUC: https://epuc.vermont.gov/?q=node/2 and referencing the Case No. 25-1023-PET.

In addition, you may download an electronic copy of the complete petition/ set of the documents as filed by Petitioner in this case by accessing the following link: https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/9s84avxvzdwfwgy7ph4jf/AI0jVieNvMWU8xyltjz-Y-4?rlkey=szlqt6pbxhqjn8q389v9of3m9&st=9g1ud2or&dl=0

If you are unable to download the complete set of electronic documents or prefer to obtain them in hard copy, you can contact the Petitioner to obtain a hard copy of the complete Project plans by mail. Please contact Encore Renewable Energy at 802-861-3023, Hours M-F 8:30-4:30. Info@EncoreRenewableEnergy.com.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures:
Site Plan
Petition