

**Project Review Committee
Section 248 Cases**

<u>Case Number</u>	<u>Date filed</u>	<u>Issue Type</u>	<u>Petitioner / Applicant Name</u>	<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>CVRPC Action</u>
26-0749-NMR	4/17/2026	§ 8010 (Net-metering)	TJ Kingsbury	Waitsfield	Application of TJ Kingsbury for a certificate of public good for a 108.0 kW solar net-metered electric power system in Waitsfield, Vermont	Reviewed project- rooftop so existing preferred site. Further evaluation unnecessary. Note Hearing Officer requested information include site map of adjacent and proposed projects (provided 5/5/26)
26-0446-AN	3/11/2026	§ 248(j)	Town of Northfield Electric Department	Northfield	21-day advance submission of Town of Northfield Electric Department, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. §248, for approval to realign a portion of the 3357 subtransmission line in Northfield, VT	Conducted initial review of project (248, 248a, 248i, 248j, 8010). The project relocates where the subtransmission line crosses the railway tracks to the substation away from the river improving the flood resiliency of the line. Submitted initial review, emphasizing resilience benefits of the project, to the petitioner and as public comment. No Update.
25-2468-PET (25-0899-AN and 24-0383-AN)	10/10/2025	§ 248	Green Mountain Power	Waitsfield and Fayston	45-day advance submission of Green Mountain Power for a certificate of public good, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 248, authorizing to upgrade the Irasville #39 Substation in towns of Fayston, Waitsfield, and Warren. This is the second advance notice filed for this project at this location (see 24-0838-AN). There have been no changes in the design since the previous advance notice filing; however, the construction schedule has changed since the previous filing. 5/6/2025: advance notice filed. 10/10/25 (administratively complete 10/17) petition filed.	Reviewed (memo). 30 Day Period to File Public Comments, Requests to Intervene, and Requests for Hearing (past). CVRPC will monitor proceeding. 12/10/25 GMP responded to first round of discovery questions from ANR (soil disturbance total) and PSD (condition of existing transformer (57yo), replacement rationale for equipment less than 30yo, peak load date correction, coincident peak load combined Irasville #39 & Madbush substations (non-cincident provided), cost of alternatives). 2/11/26 Staff reviewed Comments from AAFA which found the impact to prime agricultural soils to be within the de minimis threshold and therefore not have an undue burden (threshold is two acres; project potential impacts less than 1 acre). 2/25/26 Stipulation/MOU/Settlement Agreement ANR and GMP. 3/6/26 DPS filed Comments and 202(f) Determination. 3/19/26 Proposed Findings and Draft CPG. 4/2/26 supplemental testimony regarding tree removal for project (confirmed no concerns regarding potential summer habitat for protected bat species). 4/14/26 Reply to comments requested (AAFM to reply to GMP and hearing officer concerns with their language re future projects). 4/27/26 AAFM replied withdrawing its request for a finding addressing future substantial or non-substantial changes that affects primary agricultural soils. CPG Issued 5/8/26

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25-0703-AN	4/15/2025	§ 248a	Bell Atlantic Mobile Systems LLC The Towers, LLC	Washington	60-day advance submission of Bell Atlantic Mobile Systems LLC and The Towers, LLC, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 248a(e), proposing to request a certificate of public good authorizing the installation of wireless telecommunications equipment at 97 Hart Hollow Road in Washington, Vermont.	PRC gave memo to Board of Commissions, applicant and PUC requesting further information (5/13/2025). Awaiting notification that petition is filed.	This is the second advance notice filed for this project at this location (see 24-3108-AN). There have been no changes in the design since the previous advance notice filing; however, additional detail has been added to this advance notice in response to public comments. 4/15/2025: advance notice filed. 5/13/2025: CVRPC Project Review Committee submitted memo to CVRPC Board of Commissioners (CC applicants and the PUC) requesting further information on the project. Awaiting petition to be filed. 10/14/2025 Case Closed- not petition filed.
25-1543-PET	7/29/2025	§ 248a Regular and Limited Size and Scope	Bell Atlantic Mobile Systems of Allentown, Inc. and Cellco Partnership, each d/b/a Verizon Wireless	Marshfield	Petition of Bell Atlantic Mobile Systems, LLC and The Towers, LLC requesting a certificate of public good, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. §248a, authorizing the installation of telecommunications equipment at 2264 U.S. Route 2 in Marshfield, Vermont. Advanced Notices 25-0925-AN and 24-2988-AN, filed 5/8/25 and 9/23/2024 respectively.	CVRPC will be reviewing all materials throughout hearing and following the case.	No overlap with known or possible constraints.5 residents filed motions to intervene 9/5/2025; Attended scheduling conference for hearing 10/17/25. Reviewed Discovery Questions, awaiting responses. PSD filed for extension for non-petitioner prefiled testimony. 01/02/2026 . 1/8/2026 schedule amended. 1/30/26 testimony from Petitioners and A. Peal; Department of Public Service Aesthetic & Orderly Development Analysis Report found that while there is an adverse impact, there is not an undue adverse impact as the project's siting and design emphasize minimizing these impacts while ensuring essential wireless telecommunications can be provided. They concluded the Project meets the substantial deference standard with appropriate consideration given to the recommendations of the municipal and regional plans. 3/6/26 Intervenor's response to Discovery Filed. 3/16 Received Notice of Deposition of Michael Xenakis, Alice Peal, and Robin Gomez. Evidentiary Hearing scheduled for April 30th, 2026 9:30am was canceled (4/29/26) due to Stipulation Agreement between petitioner and intervenors. CPG was Issued 5/1/26.
25-0925-AN	5/8/2025	§ 248a	Bell Atlantic Mobile Systems of Allentown, Inc. and Cellco Partnership, each d/b/a Verizon Wireless	Marshfield	(see previous 24-2988-AN) 60-day advance submission of Bell Atlantic Mobile Systems LLC and The Towers, LLC, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 248a(e), proposing to request a certificate of public good authorizing the installation of wireless telecommunications equipment at 2264 U.S. Route 2 in Marshfield, Vermont. This is the second advance notice filed for this project at this location (see 24-2988-AN). There have been no changes in the design since the previous advance notice filing; however, this application corrects an error in estimated total ground disturbance. 5/8/2025: advance notice filed. 8/7/25 - application deemed complete. See Petition 25-1543-PET	CVRPC	

MEMO

Date: June 22nd, 2026

To: Project Review Committee

From: Sam Lash, Climate & Energy Planner

Re: Updates on Recent Section 248, and Section 248a Permit Applications

Summary: This memo includes 1 new 248 project (upgrade and repowering of an existing GMP Solar Facility in Berlin) and an update on the Telecommunications Tower Proposed in Washington.

- 1. Monthly Report on Small-Scale Distributed Energy Generation Projects: N/A will be updated next month.**
- 2. Project Inventory will be updated, sent to committee members, and posted June 30th, 2026 (epuc not accessible remotely; notified PUC of difficulty with website)**

248 Updates (Electric Infrastructure)

- 3. NEW: 45-Day Advance Notice Petition of GMP to Upgrade and Repower Its Existing Berlin Solar Facility (248j)**

CVRPC received the Advance Notice on June 18th (sent June 9th), which notes that GMP is preparing to file a petition for approval to update and repower its existing Berlin Solar facility by replacing the existing panels and inverters with new panels and inverters in the same area to keep generating power for customers. GMP anticipates filing the petition on or around July 24th, 2026.

- The existing project was issued a Final Order on May 4th, 2010 in Docket No. 7601 and a CPG pursuant to 30 V.S.A 248(j); the project was constructed at GMP's Berlin Plant #5 on Dog River Road in Berlin, in the 2010 timeframe. The current facility has a capacity of 199.9kW. This project consists of 39 fixed, ground-mounted racks, consisting of 952 PV modules with outputs of 210 watts each, and 2 central inverters with a maximum capacity of 100kW each.
- This project would be modifying the existing CPG. Existing solar array will be repowered with 440W modules. Existing site access from Nelson Drive to be reused.
- Preliminary Review expected Monday June 22nd.

- 4. Update: GMP Irasville Substation Upgrade, Waitsfield & Fayston (25-2468-PET)**

- **CPG was issued 5/8/2026 and the final order can be viewed:**
<https://epuc.vermont.gov/?q=downloadfile/809254/207594>
- **Closed 6/11/2025**

248a Updates (Telecommunications)

- 5. De Minimis Cases: N/A this month¹**

¹ Project qualifies as a de minimis modification under 30 V.S.A. § 248a(b)(2) as long as: Excluding equipment, antennas, and ancillary improvements, the Project does not involve increasing the height or width of the existing structure. The

6. Ongoing: The Towers, LLC (Vertical Bridge) and Bell Atlantic Mobile Systems (Verizon Wireless) 97 Hart Hollow Road, Washington (26-0622-AN)

CVRPC received a 60 day advance submission of Bell Atlantic Mobile Systems LLC and The Towers, LLC pursuant to 30 V.S.A 248a(e), proposing to request a certificate of public good authorizing the installation of wireless telecommunications equipment at 97 Hard Hollow Road in Washington. **This is the third 60-day Advance Notice for this project at this location- the first AN was filed on 10/9/2024 and the second on 4/15/2025. The present filing addresses concerns previously raised by CVRPC regarding the generator and incorporates updated equipment specifications (propane instead of diesel).**

- **Summary of process, project materials, and preliminary review can be found in previous meeting materials (April 23rd, 2026; and May 28th, 2026)²**
- **Last Meeting:** staff confirmed the project is in Zone 2 Well Head Protection and met with Source Protection Specialist at ANR (preliminary review updated in red). While there are not prohibited Land Uses for Zone 2 like there are for the Isolation Zone, there would be probable impacts to the water supply if contamination were to occur and source protection plans should be taken into consideration. The following requests and conditions are often proposed in this scenario by ANR (during their initial review):
 - site plans should add the protection area;
 - conditions added regarding spills/hazardous materials plan;
 - stormwater management measures to meet requirements for Zone 2;
 - local source protection plan should be duly consulted.
- **Updates: there has been ongoing communication between the applicant and the Town of Washington with staff (Sam Lash) and a representative of the Public Service Department (Jim Porter) are cc'd.** Cooper Hayes, Esp on behalf of Bell Atlantic Mobile Systems LLC (Verizon Wireless and The Towers, LLC/ Vertical Bridge), has been in touch with the Town of Washington primarily through Sheila Duranleau. The Selectboard met on June 1st and identified a group of board members and residents to meet with the Applicant and the Public Service Department to discuss alternate sites for a cell tower in Washington.
 - Cooper Hayes provided a summary of site selection factors for consideration upon request (see below) and a “Potential Landlord Information Sheet” to the town if interested alternative landowners/properties are identified.
 - **Thus far no petition has been filed.**

Upcoming Dates and Potential Actions:

- **Applicant and Town will meet June 30th, 2:30-5:00pm; staff (Sam Lash) will attend in person.**
- CVRPC will receive a notification and have 30 days from when the project application is filed and deemed complete to file comments, a motion to intervene, or request for hearing.

Project will not increase the total amount of impervious surface by more than 300 square feet. The Project will not result in any new antennas or equipment on the support structure that will extend more than 10 feet above the structure or more than 10 feet horizontally from the structure. Finally, the net increase in surface area from new equipment on the structure will be less than 75 square feet. The project as proposed does not conflict with any existing permits.

² https://centralvtplanning.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/26-04-23-PRC_Packet_with_Memo.pdf
https://centralvtplanning.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/26_05_28_FullPacket.pdf
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