

September 24, 2018

MA SMART Program

Subject: 0 Ashburnham St, Fitchburg MA 01420, Acct 11668, Parcel 00S7-0048-0, 48.68 ac

Dear MA SMART Program Team,

Further to the September 14th public comment letter (see attached) to the MA SMART Program Team from my development partner Mad River Solar, regarding the proposed project 4.3947 MW AC (#12781) in Fitchburg MA, I thought it would be helpful if I provided additional context to our application.

I have owned the proposed site since 1969. Following the launch of the MA SMART program, last year I partnered with Mad River Solar to create a solar development on my property. Our objective has been to build a project that met the needs of the Fitchburg community. We anticipate providing power to community and low-income community buyers. I have agreed to contribute some 20 acres of the property to conservation, likely through the North County Land Trust. To address the objectives of the SMART Program we designed the system to include battery storage. We worked extensively with our neighbors, the zoning board, conservation commission and our engineering team to forge a plan that was approved without any challenges and we believe the community is enthusiastic about our project.

Through the interconnection process Unitil scoped the work required to upgrade the local system for the project. After a system-wide review was undertaken with ISO-NE our project was approved without further studies, clearing the way for us to have an executed and actionable interconnection services agreement. That, coupled with all of our required permits, leaves us with a project that is ready to get underway.

We would urge the SMART Program team to consider adding two additional blocks to the Unitil territory to enable us to proceed.

Sincerely,



John P. de Neufville
Property Owner