

## SMART Public Comments

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### A. "Guideline Regarding Land Use"

Eliminating 61A agricultural land in your recent change regarding land use for ground mounts will greatly reduce the economic development of larger sites which have been in uneconomic agricultural use for some time on farmland no longer in production except for feed crop. Solar is a very useful additional use for this land which is already cleared providing a much more economic use of closed family farms for sale or operating farms which need a portion of their land to provide additional income. It is also much more preferable by the host communities which need additional tax base.

A solar use preserves the farm in that the topsoil is mostly untouched in the normal manner of using existing grades except for small sections of farm road which may have minimal grade changes. Pollinating crops on solar sites may even enhance other farms and yards. If the objective is to preserve farms solar will only do so for the life of the facility and if regional food farming ever prioritizes solar in the future, it is there like it was 50-100 years ago

### B. 225 CMR 20.02.

Definition "Public Entity Solar Tariff Generating Unit"

(a) ii and (b) ii "Other Government Entities" should include in the same load zone outside the host Municipality since many of these Municipalities are very small in the western two thirds of the state with much larger government entities nearby.

Thank you.

Respectfully, George L. Smith, Landcraft Corporation