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"The Burlington Electric Department supports the Governor's veto of S.230 and his plans to work with the Legislature to pass a modified bill that would continue the state's progress on renewable energy project siting.

It is unfortunate that S.230 required a veto, as the majority of the legislation is good public policy, especially sections pertaining to increased public involvement in siting of renewable energy projects. Tweaks and compromises to the bill in the session's waning hours spoiled otherwise solid legislation. These last-minute additions would create harmful public policy that could have serious unintended consequences if allowed to become law.

Burlington Electric is concerned that the S.230 provision requiring that a Certificate of Public Good be attached to a property deed may create a series of unanticipated results that would ultimately slow and increase the cost of solar development. BED has a strong commitment to seeing solar projects constructed in Burlington and around Vermont, particularly small scale arrays. We are concerned that this significant change in the relationship between project developers and project hosts could complicate property transactions in Vermont and act as an anchor on future small scale renewable development. BED believes that this change is not in our customers' best interests.

Further, Burlington Electric is concerned that the use of emergency rules sets bad precedent for energy projects. Emergency rules are designed to address ‘an imminent peril to public health, safety and welfare,’ and should not be used for the sake of political expediency. The State’s traditional rule making process is the right forum in which to set standards that apply to generation projects.”

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