

# Thetford Elementary School Solar Array Expansion Resolution

## Town of Thetford

**The Town of Thetford resolves as follows:**

**Whereas**, TES Solar, LLC filed an application for an amendment to the original #NM-5037 CPG for the installation of an additional 375 kW of solar at the Thetford Elementary School (the “Project”); and

**Whereas**, the Town of Thetford will be an off-taker of the Project; and

**Whereas**, the Town of Thetford has received a Determination of Energy Compliance, adopted on September 11, 2020, which complies with the energy planning requirements set forth in 24 V.S.A. §4352 and is consistent with the Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Plan; and

**Whereas**, the Town of Thetford’s Enhanced Energy Plan establishes a goal to generate 14,350-17,759 MWh of renewable energy within the municipality by 2050, and solar represents approximately 94% of the renewable generation potential in Thetford; and

**Whereas**, the citizens of the Town of Thetford passed an Energy and Climate Resolution at the 2018 Town Meeting, encouraging the Selectboard to support measures to meet the state’s goal of being 90% renewable by 2050; and

**Whereas**, the Town of Thetford declared a climate emergency in 2020, stating that, “town government must work with the citizens and organizations of the town, as well as regional and state organizations, to cut CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 45% by 2030”; and

**Whereas**, the Thetford Energy Committee, the first energy committee established in the State of Vermont, became the Joint Thetford Energy Committee in 2020 to advise and support the Selectboard and the School Board to advance both legislative bodies’ renewable energy goals, and have supported the Project from its conception; and

**Whereas**, the Town of Thetford joined the Intermunicipal Regional Energy Coordinator program, hosted by the Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission, in order to “lessen overall energy use, lower greenhouse gas emissions, and *move to renewable generation of electricity within participating towns*”;

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that the Town of Thetford strongly supports the Project and urges the Public Utility Commission to approve the amendment; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Town of Thetford commits to retiring all renewable energy credits generated by its portion of the Project to further town energy and climate goals.

Passed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

Legislative Body

(name)

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