

## Green Acres Solar Partners, LLC

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Town of Hinesburg  
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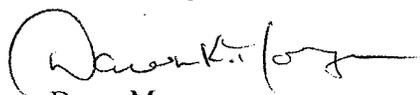
We understand that the Town has decided to move forward this year with the tax on net metered systems, therefore we agree to pay this tax for the Tax Year 2013 and are enclosing a check herein. However, we would like to request that the Town of Hinesburg not impose this tax on net metered systems, but rather exempt them under Title 24 or Title 32. A homeowner's new appliance or a business's equipment are not taxed as property, and net metered systems fall under these categories. While the tax rate may not seem like much (some assessors have questioned whether it's worth their time to collect it), the impacts on the economics of a net metered system is significant. We should be encouraging renewable energy net metering, not discouraging it.

Among the benefits of renewable energy net metering:

- Net metered systems help achieve the distributed and small scale local generation of renewable energy. Our state's energy plan cites this as a priority, as do many municipal Town Plans.
- Net metered systems represent local investments by homeowners, businesses, farms, and non-profits.
- Net metering provides a hedge on rising energy prices, improving the financial soundness to customers.

Please let me know if you have any questions or if I can provide you with more information. You can contact me at (802) 872-9600 Ext. 116 or [dmorgan@allearthrenewables.com](mailto:dmorgan@allearthrenewables.com).

Kindest Regards,



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