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Ellsworth Me Solar, LLC v. Public Utilities Commission

Supreme Judicial Court of Maine - February 5, 2026 - A.3d - 2026 WL 304608 - 2026 ME 10

Solar energy company appealed from order of Public Utilities Commission denying its petition for good cause exemption from commercial operation date deadline in state's net energy billing statute, as well as Commission's decision not to grant company's petition for reconsideration or to reopen record.

The Supreme Judicial Court held that:

- Substantial evidence supported Commission's finding that initial construction schedule showed completion date after statutory deadline;
- Commission's determination that developer had to provide proof of receipt of initial construction schedule showing expected completion date within statutory deadline was reasonable; and
- Commission's denial of solar energy company's request for good cause exemption was not arbitrary.