

**Requested Actions of Working Group Members (A-C)
September 6, 2023 – September 20, 2023**

- **Due dates** for submitting input to Co-Chairs are noted in red font, should you choose to contribute feedback.
- Suggested action steps are underlined.

A. Review the current updates / analysis of renewables from the VT Public Service Department and its Stakeholder Advisory Group, located at the links below. If you notice omissions in these scenarios, or have concerns about how the scenarios are defined, please e-mail them to the Co-Chairs of the RESRWG by **Noon on Wednesday, September 13.** Notes will be collated and provided to the full Working Group prior to the next meeting on September 20th.

Stakeholders Advisory Group Scenarios, defined (link below, especially slides 5-8):
https://publicservice.vermont.gov/sites/dps/files/documents/VT%20RES-CES%20Technical%20Analysis%20Stakeholder%20Advisory%20Group%20Meeting_2_08.01.23_FINAL-SAG.pdf

In addition to the scenarios collated in the above link, the Department of Public Service has also posted additional background information that you may find helpful to review:

Technical Analysis of Renewables for the Stakeholder Advisory Group:
<https://publicservice.vermont.gov/renewables#Technical%20Analysis>; and the

Technical Analysis Draft Workplan:
<https://publicservice.vermont.gov/sites/dps/files/documents/DRAFT%20VT%20RES-CES%20Technical%20Analysis%20Work%20Plan.pdf>

B. Review the Title 30 statutory framework that guides energy development and choices, including:

- [§202](#), Electrical energy planning
- [§202a](#), State energy policy
- [§8001](#), Renewable energy goals, and
- [§8004](#), Sales of electric energy; Renewable Energy Standard (RES)
- [§ 8005](#) RES categories

Consider: To what extent does this framework align with your sense about what a successful RES does?

Anticipated discussion prompt: what are your goals for Renewable Energy Standard *Reforms*? Specifically, what tensions are you hoping to reconcile within the RES (Title 30, Chapter 089)?

Take notes, for your own use, to inform future RESRWG Discussion(s): What changes to Vermont's existing renewable energy requirements, or other energy policies, are needed to achieve your goals? Refer to 30 V.S.A. Chapter 089: Renewable Energy Programs, available here: <https://legislature.vermont.gov/statutes/chapter/30/089>

C. Consider: Which of the Tasks 1 – 8 in Act 33 are data dependent? See table and discussion prompts, below. Make notes for your own use, and bring to the next meeting as we are likely to aggregate responses as part of meeting activities. *If you are not attending the meeting on September 20th, please share your notes with your proxy or e-mail to the Co-Chairs prior to Monday, September 18th.*

RESRWG Tasks 1 – 8 in Act 33 Which of these items are data dependent?	Consultant Data Available?	Other resources you'd like to hear from?
<p>(1) whether any changes to Vermont's existing renewable energy requirements, or other energy policies, are needed to increase grid stability, resiliency, modernization, and reliability.</p> <p><i>Example Questions that may arise: What is the rationale for increasing RES right now (vs rationale for increasing later)?</i></p>	<p>Dept. Public Service Consultant – SEA LLC</p>	<p>Climate Action Plan? DPS Comprehensive Energy Plan</p>
<p>(2) identifying any barriers to moving to a 100 percent renewable standard for all electric utilities by 2030 (Tier 1)</p>	<p><i>May be incorporated into Dept. Public Service Scenarios?</i></p>	<p><i>Has this work been collated elsewhere? If so, source(s)?</i></p>
<p>(3) recommending cost effective procurement policies to increase new renewable energy, storage, and flexible load management to offset increasing in-State load, improve grid stability and resiliency, and that consider integrated resource planning electric load growth projections (<i>potential changes to Tier II – or possible a new Tier</i>) <i>Example Questions that may arise: Can we consider hydropower to be an acceptable renewable source? How much can we rely on off-shore wind, given anticipated increase demand in NE States for this source? Etc.</i></p>	<p>Dept. Public Service Consultant– SEA LLC</p>	

<p>(4) whether increasing the requirement for out-of-state renewable procurements within or delivered into the ISO-New England territory can ensure affordable electric rates (Is a new Tier needed?)</p>	<p>Dept. Public Service Consultant– SEA LLC.</p> <p>The Brattle Group <i>(looking at impacts on the overall price level, not at prices of electricity by source or their impacts on rates)</i></p>	<p>Request per RESRWG 9/6 Mtg – current residential rates. DPS following up.</p>
<p>(5) evaluating the impact legislative recommendations may have on Tier III implementation</p>		
<p>(6) evaluating the impact recommended legislative changes to procurement programs will have on Vermont jobs and the Vermont economy</p>	<p>The Brattle Group</p>	
<p>(7) how current programs impact environmental justice focus populations, households with low income, and households with moderate income and how a revised Renewable Energy Standard can ensure that benefits and burdens are distributed equitably; and</p>	<p>The Brattle Group, in part</p>	<p>Look to integrate VT CAP Just Transitions’ Guiding Questions & Scoring Rubric Tools in this discussion</p>
<p>(8) how any changes to the Renewable Energy Standard will address the inequity of distribution of benefits of renewables between different residential properties.</p> <p><i>Note: The Brattle Group Modeling will look at effects on 5 household categories differentiated by income. May not differentiate owners from renters, for example, but some of their analysis might be relevant here</i></p>	<p>The Brattle Group, in part</p>	<p>Look to integrate VT CAP Just Transitions’ Guiding Questions & Scoring Rubric Tools in this discussion</p>