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Minutes

Wednesday, September 6, 2023

8:30 AM – 12:00 PM

State House, Rm 11 and via [Livestream Link](#)

For questions, or to provide public comment, please email Sorsha at sanderson@leg.state.vt.us

8:30 A.M. Welcome and Organization [0:03]
Joyce Manchester, Senior Economist/Associate Fiscal Officer, Joint Fiscal Office

8:40 A.M. Agenda Review [2:23] and Introductions [8:34]
Co-Chairs

9:00 A.M. Big Picture Overview of the RES Reform Working Group – Why Now?
Jennifer Knauer, Facilitator

Outline and discuss a very high-level overview of the legislative charge of this group. [13:24] This activity is semi-structured, beginning with interactive polling and gradually expanding into facilitated discussion. [19:42]

Anticipated Discussion Prompts: [24:28]

To what extent do you think the Renewable Energy Standard is ripe for revision, in this moment? What is informing your answer?

Overview: Objective(s) of the RES Reform Working Group; Scope of Work; and Requests for Members. (Mix of Presentation, Q&A, and Facilitated Discussion)

- Review Roles of Working Group Members, Co-Chairs, Public. [38:04]

9:45 A.M. Break

10:00 A.M. Overview: Objective(s) of the RES Reform Working Group; Scope of Work; and Requests for Members. (continued) [0:13]

- Introduce Supports & Resources: Role of Staff & Consultants, Role of State Agency Collaborations, Introduce for availability of modeling data. **Public Service Department Overview and [slide \[3:52\]](#) Brattle Group Overview and [presentation \[11:34\]](#)**
- Review and Discuss the Scope of Work (“Duties”) for the RES Reform Working Group

Anticipated Discussion Prompts: [20:16]

- What questions do you have for any of the consulting parties & resources for the RES Reform Working Group?
- Which of the items [\(1-8\) outlined in Act 33](#), RES Reform Working Group scope of work are data dependent?
- What other resources / people would you like to hear from, regarding items (1-8) outlined in Act 33, RES Reform Working Group scope of work?
- As time allows: What questions do you have, regarding topics 1-8?

11:20 A.M. Break

11:25 AM Overview of the RES Reform Working Group, continued (Mix of Presentation, Q&A, Adoption of schedule and meeting procedures) [\[0:07\]](#)

- Review [Timeline Visual \(adopted by members\) \[0:45\]](#)
- Review Logistics for Working Group Meetings
 - Review and adopt meeting schedule,
 - Review anticipated location (in-person requirement, online link)
 - Review where agenda & minutes may be found
<https://ljfo.vermont.gov/committees-and-studies/renewable-energy-standard-working-group>
- Decision-Making Procedures – review & confirm. Questions?

11:38 AM Public Comment – Public to Be Heard

Annette Smith, Executive Director, Vermonters for a Clean Environment [\[12:07\]](#)

Pike Porter, Burlington, VT [\[15:32\]](#)

Bob Atchinson, Plainfield, VT [\[17:43\]](#)

David Mullett – General Counsel, AllEarth Renewables [\[20:32\]](#)

Steve Crowley, VT Community Solar Association [\[22:09\]](#)

11:55 AM Next Steps [\[25:00\]](#)

- Summary Notes and recording available on or before September 11
- Co-chairs will be setting the agenda for the next meeting on September 20th with the planning team. Anticipate receiving a copy on or before September 18

- Any homework for Working Group members? [[Homework instructions](#)]

12:08 PM **Adjourn**