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GENERAL ASSEMBLY
RENEWABLE ENERGY STANDARD REFORM
WORKING GROUP

Minutes

Wednesday, November 1, 2023

8:30 AM – 12:00 PM

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

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For questions, please email Sorsha at sanderson@leg.state.vt.us

8:30 A.M. Opening Comments [0:05]
Senator Bray & Representative Sheldon, Co-Chairs

Agenda Review [1:00]
Jennifer Knauer, Facilitator

Announcements [3:00]
Senator Bray & Representative Sheldon, Co-Chairs

8:40 A.M. RESRWG Member Poll Results & Discussion (bulk of the meeting) [3:39]
Jennifer Knauer, Facilitator
All Working Group Members Participate
Ellen Czajkowski, Legislative Counsel, *Available as needed*
TJ Poor, Director of Regulated Utility Planning, *Available as needed*

- **Walk through poll results, continuing with the Tier 1 Set and moving through Tier 2, Tier 3, and the general RES.** Working Group Members are invited to ask questions of each other as needed.
- **Breaks as needed. likely at 9:30 and 11:30.**
- **Revisit questions from where conversation left off, at October 25th Meeting, as needed.**
 1. Where do working group members stand with respect to recommending a 100% Clean Energy Standard vs 100% Renewable Energy Standard? ...and why?
 2. As loads increase, how will Vermont look to meet the need?
 - a) What is the right level of new renewables in Vermont?
 - b) What counts as “renewable”?
 - c) *Anticipated Discussion for 11/15 Mtg:* What approaches will result in the most equitable impacts for Vermonters?
 3. Should there be a time limit or sunset on any of the Renewable Energy

Standard provisions?

Follow-up documents from the VT Department of Public Service, per the request of Working Group Members, are noted below and added to the list of resources on the Renewable Energy Standard Reform Working Group's webpage.

- **Nuclear Contracts/Attributes and estimated annual cost to replace with RECs.** This information was compiled by the Department of Public Service data from Annual Resource Survey to Utilities

- **Appendix C of the Department's Annual Energy Report (starting on page 103), provides the VT Department of Public Service Biennial Report on the Vermont Net-Metering program:**
https://publicservice.vermont.gov/sites/dps/files/documents/2023%20Vermont%20Annual%20Energy%20Report_0.pdf

Another source of perspective about net-metering that was offered in the meeting: The SEA analysis has an assumption about net metering, with the updated report and discussion of this analysis expected in the coming week. **But the draft SEA model is *also* available, if you'd like to run the model using different assumptions.** Contact adam.jacobs@vermont.gov the Department of Public Service to request this tool.

10:00 A.M. Break

10:15 A.M. Discussion, continued [\[0:02\]](#)

11:40 A.M. Public Comment

Kelly Wantuch, Northfield [\[1:25:44\]](#)

Charlotte Roberts, Middlebury College [\[1:27:28\]](#)

Lillian Prime, Middlebury College [\[1:28:26\]](#)

Kathy Beyer, Evernorth [\[1:29:34\]](#)

Heather Buckner, Families Rise Up [\[1:32:02\]](#)

Beebe Potter, St. Albans [\[1:34:02\]](#)

Netta Mae Walsh, Plainfield [\[1:34:53\]](#)

Annette Smith, Vermonters for a Clean Environment [\[1:36:39\]](#)

11:55 A.M. Next Steps [\[1:38:38\]](#)

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- Minutes and Summaries from this meeting will be posted on or before November 3rd.
- Next meeting is scheduled for November 15th, 8:30 – Noon, **and will be entirely virtual** (rather than hybrid).

Working Group Members: Please note that this meeting is largely dedicated to Tasks working with the Brattle Group's macro-economics analysis to-date, and consideration of Tasks (6), (7) and (8) as listed in Act 33 of 2023. If there are things you were hoping to cover / see on the agenda, please be in touch with Co-Chairs.

- Requested Actions. TBD, but likely to include completion of a poll asking for specific questions that Working Group Members may have of the macro-economics analysis, so that these may be forwarded to the Brattle Group Consultants prior to the meeting.
- Anticipated Agenda for November 15th to be posted on or before November 13th.

12:00 P.M. Adjourn