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**Vermont Public Power Supply Authority**  
**LEGISLATIVE & REGULATORY BOARD COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**January 10, 2018**

*Committee Directors present (X indicates present):*

X	John Morley III, Orleans	X	Meredith Birkett, Johnson
X	Reginald Beliveau, Swanton	X	Jonathan Elwell, Enosburg

*Other Directors present:*

Steve Fitzhugh, Northfield	

*Alternates present:*


*Others present:*

Melissa Bailey, VPPSA	Jonathan Wolff, Primmer	James Gibbons, BED
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(numbers in bold type correspond with agenda item numbers)

- (1) The meeting was called to order at 11:55 at the office of the Authority, located at 5195 Waterbury-Stowe Road, Waterbury Ctr., Vermont.
- (2) Melissa Bailey asked if there were requests for changes and/or modifications to the current agenda. There were none. She suggested moving the approval of the minutes from the September and November meetings to the end of the agenda to accommodate Jon Wolff's schedule.
- (3) There was no public presence and therefore no comments were made.
- (4) The minutes from the September meeting were approved by the committee.
- (5) The minutes from the November meeting were approved by the committee.
- (6) VPPSA lobbyist Jon Wolff provided an overview of the activities at the Legislature thus far. The Governor delivered his State of the State address last week and his budget is expected to be released on January 23 or 24. He has made clear that he does not want to see new taxes imposed.

In the House of Representatives, the House Energy and Technology Committee is considering H. 558, a bill introduced by Mary Sullivan of Burlington that would require the Total Resource

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Benefit amount from the energy efficiency utilities to be displayed on customer electric bills alongside the energy efficiency charge (EEC). It is also expected that a McNeil district heating bill will be introduced. The House Natural Resources, Fish & Wildlife Committee has reviewed H. 554, a dam safety bill that would bring all non-hydroelectric dams under the purview of the Department of Environmental Conservation for the purposes of regulating dam safety.

On the Senate side, the Senate Natural Resources and Energy Committee has indicated it plans to focus first on clean water; they are currently in need of a funding source. There was brief discussion of an electric vehicle bill that would allow a portion of an EV purchase to be exempt from the state sales tax, impose a fee to replace the lost gas tax revenue, and require the Public Utilities Commission to look into preferential rates for EV charging.

The Senate Agriculture Committee has discussed a rural economic development bill that includes several utility-related provisions, including a requirement for in-state procurement of wood supply for Ryegate, a requirement that a certain percentage of the EEC be spent on low-income customers, and an evaluation of how demand charges affect the ability of industrial enterprises to locate in rural towns

It is expected that there will be legislative discussion about a carbon tax this year, although the Governor has indicated that he would veto any bill that imposed a carbon tax.

- (7) Ms. Bailey provided the group with an update on VPPSA's Renewable Energy Standard Tier 3 plans to roll out an electric vehicle pilot program this year. The committee provided feedback on the draft rebate form and customer information sheet and discussed outreach efforts.
- (8) Ms. Bailey discussed the Current Public Utility Commission proceedings in which VPPSA is involved. There will be a workshop on grid resiliency tomorrow morning and a public meeting on the Sheffield-Highgate Export Interface tomorrow afternoon and both of these items were of interest to the committee. Ms. Bailey and Mr. Gibbons will provide timely updates to the committee on these items.

Finally, Ms. Bailey informed the committee that VPSPA is participating in the Energy Access Coalition convened by Burlington Electric Department to help promote low-income access to energy transformation measures.

- (9) There was no Other Business

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Melissa Bailey, Acting Secretary  
Legislative & Regulatory Committee