

**VERMONT PUBLIC POWER SUPPLY AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS BOARD COMMITTEE**
(numbers in bold type correspond with agenda item numbers)

March 22, 2017

- (1) The meeting was called to order at 11:45 a.m. at the office of the Authority, located at 5195 Waterbury-Stowe Road, Waterbury Ctr., Vermont.

Committee Directors present (X indicates present):

X	John Morley, III	X	Meredith Birkett, Johnson
X	Reginald Beliveau, Swanton (by phone)		Jonathan Elwell, Enosburg

Other Directors present:

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Alternates present:

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Others present:

Ken Nolan, VPPSA	Jon Wolff, Primmer (by phone)
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- (2) Ms. Bailey asked if there were requests for changes and/or modifications to the current agenda. There were none from the group. She noted that the legislative update was being moved to 12:00, when Jon Wolff was available to call in to the meeting.

- (3) Ms. Bailey asked if there were public comments and/or individuals who would like to address the Board. There was no public presence and therefore no comments were made.

- (4) The committee voted to approve the minutes from the January committee meeting.

- (5) Ms. Bailey provided a regulatory update to the committee. She explained that the Public Service Board's (PSB) Net Metering Rulemaking is proceeding through the Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules (LCAR). LCAR has raised concerns regarding the treatment of pre-existing net metering customers and discussion at the Legislature is ongoing. Staff conveyed to the committee that legal counsel advises that the currently approved net metering tariffs should be implemented regardless of the ongoing net metering discussion.

Ms. Bailey informed the committee that the PSB had issued an order related to the Standard Offer solicitation for 2017, and VPPSA has requested reconsideration on the PSB's order related to the Provider Block.

She reminded the committee of the ongoing docket on information sharing with Efficiency Vermont (EVT) and asked that members estimate costs for complying with EVT's data request.

- (6) Jonathan Wolff provided a legislative update to the committee. VPPSA staff and lobbyists are

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monitoring bills related to increasing public participation in proceedings for Certificates of Public Good, codifying Vermont's energy goals into statute, increasing building efficiency, dam safety, utility poles in the Agency of Transportation's right of way. The bill related to dam safety has passed out of committee in the House, so any concerns that the VPPSA systems have about this bill will likely need to be addressed in the Senate committees.

(7) Ms. Bailey updated the committee on plans for Renewable Energy Standard Tier 3 Pilot Programs. VPPSA staff continue to plan for programs in biofuels, weatherization and heat pumps, and electric vehicles. In addition, staff are working with the member systems to identify custom projects within their utility territories. Mr. Morley and Ms. Birkett both noted customers within their service territories that could be candidates for custom projects.

(8) There was a brief discussion of the Committee Charter and Draft 2017 Work Plan. Ms. Birkett noted that the formulation of positions on key policy matters should occur during the summer and fall, in preparation for the upcoming legislative session. This discussion will continue during the May committee meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Bailey, Acting Secretary
Legislative & Regulatory Committee