Vermont Public Power Supply Authority

ADVISORY & RISK MANAGEMENT BOARD COMMITTEE **MEETING MINUTES**

May 9, 2018

Committee Directors present (X indicates in person, P indicates by phone):			
X John Morley III, Orleans	P	Steve Fitzhugh, Northfield	
X Reginald Beliveau, Swanton	P	James Pallotta, Ludlow	

None	
<u>lternates present:</u>	

Ken Nolan, VPPSA	Amy Parah, VPPSA	Crystal Currier, VPPSA

(numbers in bold type correspond with agenda item numbers)

- **(1)** The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. at the office of the Authority, located at 5195 Waterbury-Stowe Road, Waterbury Ctr., Vermont.
- **(2)** Director Beliveau, asked if there were requests for changes and/or modifications to the current agenda. There were none.
- **(3)** Director Beliveau 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)** Director Morley made a motion to accept the Committee Meeting Minutes of March 14, 2018. The motion was seconded by Director Pallotta. The motion was approved.
- **(5)** The General Manager reminded the Committee that he has been working with Bill Ellis for several months to draft a proposed withdrawal agreement between VPPSA and Hyde Park. The General Manager noted that although Hyde Park has not specifically indicated such, VPPSA has received information from Energy New England that Hyde Park expects to withdraw from VPPSA's ISO account effective July 1, 2018. It was noted that staff is currently trying to identify the various components and what needs to be accomplished to transition as of the effective date.

Director Morley asked how the power supply transactions would transition. The General Manager noted that Hyde Park started this process several years ago and therefore, VPPSA does not have any long-term contracts for Hyde Park.



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The General Manager noted that Director Robertson has indicated that Hyde Park may want to continue using other VPPSA services. It is still unclear whether the services would be offered under some type of "strategic" member or by specific contract (similar to other non-member services). The committee expressed that the contractual approach was preferred.

- (6) The General Manager informed the Committee that over the past several months the discussions between VPPSA staff and EVT have increased dramatically, resulting in several proposals presently being discussed.
 - **a.** EVT has filed notice with the PUC that they no longer intend to offer cold climate heat pump thermal rebates effective July 1st. VPPSA has indicated we may offer some form of heat pump rebate in 2019. This will be reviewed during the 2019 budgeting process.
 - **b.** EVT filed a proposed MOU in Docket 8316 (data transfer docket) setting out the parameters for data handling. This will likely require more information that the member utilities can't currently produce from their billing software. EVT has agreed that they will pay some of the costs related to this transition but there is not complete agreement on what those costs are and how much will be covered. EVT has requested an individual meeting to discuss this and the financial impacts.
 - **c.** Several members have received calls from customers that are unhappy with specific EVT services. A meeting will be scheduled between the customer service individuals, from both the VPPSA member systems and EVT to discuss this issue.
 - **d.** VPPSA staff is working with EVT to obtain reports, specific to what the members receive for the efficiency dollars that each member collects and sends to EVT. The present concept is a quarterly report detailing specific incentives provided and resulting kW and kwh savings obtained.
 - **e.** In an effort to work more closely with VPPSA members, EVT has proposed that VPPSA and EVT perform joint outreach on one or two pilot projects (large commercial customer projects) where EVT would offer electric efficiency rebates and VPPSA would offer thermal (RES Tier 3) incentives.
- (7) The General Manager updated the Committee on the staff's progress with it's strategic planning process. It was noted that the staff will hold an offsite retreat on June 27th to review the 2018 strategic plan status and make any needed changes for 2018 and draft the 2019 strategic plan. The intent is to then hold the August BOD meeting offsite followed by an afternoon retreat to discuss and get input on the staffs' identified priorities.
- (8) Director Morley made a motion to enter Executive Session under the provisions of 1 V.S.A. §313(a)(3); to discuss personnel performance and potential personnel changes. The motion was seconded by Director Fitzhugh. The motion was approved.

The Board entered Executive Session at 10:40 a.m. The Board returned to Regular Session at 10:58 a.m.

No Action was taken.

(9) Other Business: NONE



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The meeting was adjourned at 11:00a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

<u>Crystal Currier</u>

Crystal Currier, Secretary