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Vermont Public Power Supply Authority
LEGISLATIVE & REGULATORY BOARD COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
May 9, 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:

Alternates present:

Others present:

Melissa Bailey, VPPSA	Jamie Feehan, Primmer
Ken Nolan, VPPSA	James Gibbons, BED

(numbers in bold type correspond with agenda item numbers)

- (1) The meeting was called to order at 11:50 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. She noted that Jamie Feehan would be arriving to provide the legislative update around 12:30, so that item would be pushed off until he arrived.
- (3) There was no public presence and therefore no comments were made.
- (4) A motion was made by Director Beliveau to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2018 committee meeting. Second by Director Morley. The Motion was approved unanimously.
- (5) Ms. Bailey provided an update on the electric vehicle pilot program. To date, 9 rebate requests have been submitted, although several have been deemed ineligible based on purchase date. The group discussed EV sales volumes and noted that there are not any dealers selling EVs in some areas of the state. Director Beliveau asked what would happen to money that has been collected for the EV Pilot if there are fewer rebates issued than was planned. Ms. Bailey noted that the money collected for the pilot is a separate Project account and Ken Nolan added that during the 2019 budget discussions the Board will decide whether to roll funds forward to continue the EV program or not.

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The committee discussed whether installing public charging stations could be a cost-effective program under Tier 3 of the Renewable Energy Standard. Currently the savings generated from charging stations are not adequate to offset the significant upfront cost of the infrastructure. Staff will be working over the summer to develop a proposal for 2019 Tier 3 programs, which will likely include heat pumps, weatherization, EVs and custom projects.

- (6) Ms. Bailey also updated the committee on changes to Net Metering compensation levels that will take effect on July 1st. The PUC recently issued an order that will reduce the Renewable Energy Credit (REC) adjustor by \$.02 over the next two years. The siting adjustor for projects larger than 150 kW will also be reduced by \$.01 beginning July 1, 2018.
- (7) VPPSA lobbyist Jamie Feehan provided an overview of the activities at the Legislature thus far. While there has not been major energy-related legislation this session, Mr. Feehan described several bills that could have impacts on the VPPSA members, which were detailed in a written legislative update. Director Morley asked how customers will be selected to participate in the 3-year Energy Savings Account pilot. There will be a solicitation process, and up to 10 customers will be selected by the Department of Public Service and the Agency of Commerce and Community Development.

Another issue of interest to VPPSA and its members is the electric vehicle charging infrastructure language contained in the Transportation Bill. The bill requires the Public Utility Commission to conduct a study over the coming year, and VPPSA will participate in these proceedings.

- (8) Ms. Bailey informed the committee that the utilities have submitted comments on the draft settlement document that was circulated for comment in Docket 8316, which deals with data sharing with Efficiency Vermont (EVT). Parties are awaiting a PUC decision in this docket.

VPPSA staff continue to meet regularly with EVT staff and will be looking for opportunities to coordinate on individual projects for commercial and industrial customers. The Directors continue to be concerned about the level of electric efficiency charge contributions that come back to their service territories in the form of customer incentives.

- (9) There was no Other Business

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Bailey, Acting Secretary
Legislative & Regulatory Committee