

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

May 17, 2017

- (1) The meeting was called to order at 11:35 a.m. at the office of the Authority, located at 5195 Waterbury-Stowe Road, Waterbury Ctr., Vermont.

Committee Directors present (X indicates present):

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

Other Directors present:


Alternates present:


Others present:

Ken Nolan, VPPSA	Melissa Bailey, VPPSA	
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- (2) Melissa asked if there were requests for changes and/or modifications to the current agenda. Because only one director was present, it was agreed to table the discussion of the Committee Work Plan until the July meeting. In addition, the 2017 Legislative Wrap-up will be rescheduled for a conference call in June, once the Legislature has likely adjourned.
- (3) Melissa 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 minutes from March meeting were tabled due to a lack of quorum.
- (5) Melissa provided an update on several regulatory proceedings. The Legislature passed a bill (H. 411) earlier in May that should allow the Public Service Board's (PSB) proposed Net Metering Rule to become finalized. The bill is awaiting the Governor's signature, after which the proposed rule will need to be approved by the Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules, which had previously objected to the proposed Rule on the grounds that the PSB had exceeded its statutory authority. The provisions of H. 411 were intended to resolve this objection.

Melissa noted that the Efficiency Vermont (EVT) Demand Resources Proceeding (DRP) is ongoing. The DRP is the process that occurs every three years to set the EVT budget and the rate for the Energy Efficiency Charge (EEC.) The Public Service Department has recommended a flat budget for EVT for the next three years, with reductions in the EEC for each of the next 3 years.

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Vermont Energy Investment Corporation, the organization that operates EVT, has recommended an EEC rate reduction for the coming year, and holding the EEC flat for the next two years.

Negotiations continue in the Efficiency Vermont Data Transfer Docket (8316.) Melissa has received cost estimates for complying with VEIC's request and utilities will share these with VEIC and the Public Service Department at the next meeting.

There was discussion regarding the draft updated Interconnection Rule 5.500 and a relevant request for information from utilities that was issued by the Public Service Board. Ms. Birkett indicated that template agreements for interconnection studies would be helpful for the Village of Johnson. She also noted that receiving interconnection applications electronically would be beneficial.

Melissa explained that there will be a discussion at the upcoming VPPSA Board meeting regarding VPPSA aggregation under the new Renewable Energy Standard (RES). VPPSA has been designing pilot programs for Tier 3 of the RES that will be more cost-effective if they are delivered across the VPPSA members' service territories. There are also opportunities for individual custom projects that have the potential to generate potential savings for the host utility. VPPSA is attempting to find a structure that balances the benefits of aggregation with the desires of the individual utilities and is looking for feedback from the members on this topic.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Melissa Bailey, Acting Secretary  
Legislative & Regulatory Committee