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Vermont Public Power Supply Authority
LEGISLATIVE & REGULATORY BOARD COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
July 11, 2018

Committee Directors present (X indicates present):

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| X | Reginald Beliveau, Swanton | X | Meredith Birkett, Johnson |
| | Jonathan Elwell, Enosburg | | Jonathan Elwell, Enosburg |
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Other Directors present:

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| John Morley III, Orleans | |
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Alternates present:

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Others present:

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| Melissa Bailey, VPPSA | Ken Nolan, VPPSA |
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(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.
- (3) There was not a quorum in the room at the time so approval of the minutes from July was postponed.
- (4) There was no public presence and therefore no comments were made.
- (5) Ms. Bailey provided an update on the Renewable Energy Standard program and planning. To date, 12 rebates have been processed through VPPSA's electric vehicle pilot program. The committee expressed concern that this program will not generate enough savings to satisfy VPPSA's Renewable Energy Standard Tier 3 requirement and discussed other potential Tier 3 programs that could be offered in 2019. Options currently being explored include weatherization, heat pumps, electric vehicle charging stations, and custom projects, including electric line extensions. Director Morley suggested several maple sugaring operations that could convert from diesel to electricity and also asked staff to evaluate the savings potential for converting diesel golf carts to electricity. Director Birkett noted that some customers may be reluctant to convert to electricity because of

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skepticism regarding the technology. Sharing information on cost-effectiveness and reliability of these technologies may help alleviate these concerns.

VPPSA staff continue to meet regularly with EVT staff and will be looking opportunities to coordinate on individual projects for commercial and industrial customers. An opportunity for coordination has emerged in Morrisville.

The committee also discussed the potential for installing electric vehicle charging stations utilizing Volkswagen settlement funds. Directors Birkett and Beliveau noted that the chargers that are currently installed within their service territories are getting very little usage.

- (6) Ms. Bailey also updated the committee on regulatory proceedings. VPPSA filed comments in a proceeding on Rule 5.300 related to the Energy Efficiency Charge (EEC), stating that the EEC should be calculated based on the gross electric consumption for net metering customers, rather than the net consumption. Committee members re-iterated the concern that net metered customers are being subsidized by customers that do not net meter, and that net metering customers should not be able to avoid any portion of the EEC by net metering.

Ms. Bailey noted that the Public Utility Commission has opened a proceedings related to the ownership and operation of electric vehicle charging stations in Vermont and to the Standard Offer Program. Staff will participate actively in these proceedings.

- (7) Ms. Bailey and Mr. Nolan shared with the Committee members the results of a survey on potential activities for Public Power Week, which will take place from October 7-13th. The majority of respondents would like to promote the value of public power through an editorial and/or bill stuffer to customers. There is also some interest in an electric vehicle demo, generator tours, and lineworker visits to local schools.
- (8) Staff intend to meet with VPPSA lobbyists in the coming months to discuss a more proactive strategy for the 2019 legislative session. VPPSA is also compiling a list of legislators that serve VPPSA members' customers and plan to actively educate those legislators on issues of concern to the municipal utilities.

- (9) There was no Other Business

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

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Bailey, Acting Secretary
Legislative & Regulatory Committee