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**Vermont Public Power Supply Authority**  
**LEGISLATIVE & REGULATORY BOARD COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**September 12, 2018**

Committee Directors present (X indicates present):

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

Other Directors present:

John Morley III, Orleans	Carol Robertson (by phone)

Alternates present:


Others present:

Melissa Bailey, VPPSA	James Gibbons, BED	Ken Nolan, VPPSA
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(numbers in bold type correspond with agenda item numbers)

- (1) The meeting was called to order at 11:52 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 no public presence and therefore no comments were made.
- (4) Director Morley moved to approve the minutes from the May and July committee meetings and Director Beliveau seconded the motion. The minutes were approved without objection.
- (5) Ms. Bailey provided an update on Tier 3 of the Renewable Energy Standard. To date, 16 rebates have been processed through VPPSA's electric vehicle pilot program. Six of these have been for all-electric vehicles and 10 have been for plug-in hybrid electric vehicles. Ms. Bailey noted that while this volume is considerably lower than the 100 rebates that were included in the budget, it is consistent with what other utilities' offering electric vehicle rebates are experiencing.

There was considerable discussion around planning for 2019 Tier 3 programs. Options currently being explored by staff include heat pumps, electric vehicle charging stations, fork lifts, and custom projects, including electric line extensions. Ms. Bailey presented a matrix illustrating the cost of

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these potential measures. At this point staff do not expect to meet VPPSA's full Tier 3 obligation by running prescriptive rebate programs. It will likely be necessary to pursue custom projects and/or purchasing Tier 2 credits to meet VPPSA's Tier 3 obligation. Director Morley indicated support for this approach.

Mr. Nolan informed the committee that VPPSA staff continue to meet regularly with EVT staff and will be looking opportunities to coordinate on individual projects for commercial and industrial customers. A custom efficiency project in Morrisville is being pursued. Planning is underway for a joint community effort in Northfield. Orleans has been identified as a community in which efficiency projects for a commercial customer could be combined with strategic electrification in the residential and small business sectors. Ms. Bailey and Director Birkett informed the group about a meeting that she and Bill Humphrey had had with EVT staff to discuss opportunities at the Northern Vermont University campuses in Lyndonville and Johnson.

- (6) Ms. Bailey also updated the committee on current regulatory proceedings. The Public Utility Commission has opened a proceeding related to the ownership and operation of electric vehicle charging stations (EVSE) in Vermont and there is a workshop scheduled for October 1<sup>st</sup> on this topic. Mr. Nolan will be on a panel to discuss the appropriate regulatory oversight for EVSE. There is an open proceeding related potential improvements to the Standard Offer Program, with a specific focus on the impact of exemptions on that program. VPPSA was hosting a meeting of all of the state's utilities and the Department of Public Service the following day to discuss Standard Offer improvements. The third PUC proceeding that was discussed was a recently opened case to explore the operation of the state's Energy Efficiency Utilities. VPPSA plans to actively participate in all three of these proceedings.
- (7) Ms. Bailey and Mr. Beliveau shared with the group the status of planning efforts for a Public Power Week event to be held in Swanton. Swanton has been selected as a Model Climate Community by the Council on Rural Development and is planning several events related to that effort that will take place during public power week. It is expected that Swanton Electric will host an event at the elementary school on Thursday, Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> that will include bucket trucks and educational opportunities for children. Ms. Bailey is working to organize an electric vehicle demo with a local car dealer.
- (8) Ms. Bailey and Mr. Nolan will meet with VPPSA lobbyists next week to discuss the strategy for the 2019 legislative session. Revisions to the Sect. 108 approval requirements will likely be pursued. The Public Utility Commission expressed initial support for this concept during a recent meeting with the VPPSA Directors and staff. Legislative strategy and priorities will be covered in more detail at the November committee meeting.

- (9) There was no Other Business

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

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Respectfully submitted,

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Melissa Bailey, Acting Secretary  
Legislative & Regulatory Committee