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Vermont Public Power Supply Authority
LEGISLATIVE & REGULATORY BOARD COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
November 14, 2018

Committee Directors present (X indicates present, P indicates present by phone):

P	Reginald Beliveau, Swanton	X	Meredith Birkett, Johnson
		X	Jonathan Elwell, Enosburg

Other Directors present:

Carol Robertson, Hyde Park by phone	John Morley III, Orleans

Alternates present:

Others present:

Ken Nolan, VPPSA	Jonathan Wolff, Primmer (by phone)

(numbers in bold type correspond with agenda item numbers)

1. Director Morley called the meeting to order at 11:50am.
2. There were no changes to the agenda.
3. There were no members of the public present.
4. Motion was made by Director Birkett, second by Director Elwell, to approve the committee meeting minutes of September 12, 2018. Motion passed unanimously.
5. The committee was briefed on major outstanding PUC Cases, including Case # 18-2660 Investigation into promoting the ownership and use of electric vehicles in the State of Vermont, Case # 18-2867 Regulation of Energy Efficiency Utilities in Vermont, and Docket 813 – EVT Data Transfer. The committee discussed VPPSA’s positions in each Case. In particular, discussion on the electric vehicle Case revolved around the need for all entities providing charging services to be treated similarly. In relation to the EEU Case the committee expressed concern that the true cost of EVT services was not well known and the facts were

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not getting published. The committee encouraged VPPSA to continue highlighting the true costs of EVT operation and the inequities that exist in the present structure.

6. Jonathan Wolff was present to provide an update on election results and how they may impact energy issues. The committee then discussed VPPSA's proposed 30 V.S.A. §108 legislative changes and how those changes might affect future municipal borrowings. The committee expressed support for VPPSA's draft language. Discussion then turned toward legislative outreach and how VPPSA could become more proactive on legislative issues. The committee consensus was that VPPSA would need to become known to key legislators, probably needed to conduct an outreach session in Montpelier early in the session, and then should follow those efforts up with outreach by members with their local representatives and written information updates.
7. The committee reviewed the results of VPPSA's 2018 EV rebate pilot and discussed other alternatives that might be considered. The General Manager then briefed the committee on VPPSA's 2019 Renewable Energy Standard program as filed with the PUC. There was extensive discussion about the program scope and how various measures would be treated. Director Birkett suggested that VPPSA consider evaluating contributions to local transit authorities as a possible measure. Vermont, and northeastern Vermont in particular is facing significant transportation challenges as the population ages and Director Birkett wondered if VPPSA could somehow contribute to a solution while also gaining Tier 3 RES credits. The General Manager committed to having the staff consider the suggestion. The General Manager then updated the committee on VPPSA's collaboration efforts with EVT highlighting areas where the effort appears to be working and those where struggles remain.
8. There was no Other Business

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Nolan, Acting Secretary
Legislative & Regulatory Committee