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Vermont Public Power Supply Authority
LEGISLATIVE & REGULATORY BOARD COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
March 13, 2019

Committee Directors present (X indicates present):

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

Other Directors present:

John Morley III, Orleans	

Alternates present:

Others present:

Melissa Bailey, VPPSA	James Gibbons, BED	Ken Nolan, VPPSA	Jon Wolff, Primmer (by phone)
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- (1)** The meeting was called to order at 11:48 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. There were not.
- (3)** There was no public presence and therefore no comments were made.
- (4)** Director Morley moved to approve the minutes from the November committee meeting and Director Birkett seconded the motion. The minutes were approved without objection.
- (5)** Ms. Bailey provided an update on the regulatory proceedings underway at the PUC. A workshop on electric vehicles (EVs) and charging stations was scheduled for March 15th and the committee discussed VPPSA's position on separately metering, and potentially taxing, kWh usage for EVs.

Now that the PUC has approved the VPPSA/Efficiency Vermont (EVT) MOU in Docket 8316, the VPPSA members may need to provide several additional data fields to EVT in the monthly data transfer. Ms. Bailey will follow up individually with the VPPSA members to identify which fields will need to be provided going forward.

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The PUC recently issued an order in Docket 7307 dealing with Privacy Protocols for customer data. Directors Birkett and Morley wondered whether the Order applied to utilities that don't have AMI and what the implications of the PUC Order were for the VPPSA members. Going forward, each Vermont utility will be required to have a Privacy Policy. VPPSA staff will work with members on this requirement. Mr. Gibbons offered to share the Burlington Electric Privacy Policy for use as a template.

- (6) Mr. Wolff provided the committee with an update on the 2019 Legislative session. Friday, March 15th was the crossover deadline in the Vermont legislature. Most of the energy-related legislation currently under consideration deals with electric vehicles and electric vehicle charging stations (EVSE). Provisions around PUC jurisdiction, electric vehicle rates, and taxes or fees on EVs will likely ultimately be incorporated into the Transportation Bill.

The amendments dealing with Section 108 financing proposed by VPPSA have passed the Vermont Senate and will now go to the House for consideration.

- (7) Ms. Bailey provided the committee with an update on VPPSA's 2019 Tier 3 offerings. The electric vehicle rebate program from 2018 is continuing, and staff are working to promote the heat pump and heat pump water heater rebates that are now available and being offered jointly with EVT. Committee members reviewed the draft rebate forms for the Heat Pump Program.

Mr. Morley inquired about how the VPPSA members were doing in relation to the 2019 Tier 3 savings requirements. Ms. Bailey and Mr. Nolan explained that VPPSA has planned to meet roughly one-third of the members' Tier 3 obligation through program offerings and custom projects and meet the remaining obligation through the purchase of Tier 2 RECs, which are currently a low-cost compliance alternative. The committee expressed support for this strategy.

- (8) There was no Other Business

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

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Bailey, Acting Secretary
Legislative & Regulatory Committee