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GENERAL ASSEMBLY
RENEWABLE ENERGY STANDARD REFORM
WORKING GROUP

Agenda

Wednesday, September 20, 2023

8:30 AM – 12:00 PM

State House, Rm 11 and via [Livestream Link](#)

For questions, or to provide public comment, please email Sorsha at sanderson@leg.state.vt.us

NOTE TO PARTICIPANTS: We anticipate taking notes on-screen during portions of this meeting. This image will show up on the large screens in the room and on the zoom screen. A link to a view-only google doc is also provided in the agenda in case you prefer to follow along on your own laptop or mobile device.

8:30 A.M. Opening Comments
Senator Bray & Representative Sheldon, Co-Chairs

Agenda Review
Jennifer Knauer, Facilitator

8:35 A.M. Announcements
Senator Bray & Representative Sheldon, Co-Chairs

- Conflict of Interest – Discussion & Clarity
- Decision-Making Procedure – Brief Review, Confirm
- Timeline & Anticipated Topics Meetings 3-8 (*if time allows, otherwise will review as part of next steps at 11:45*)

9:00 A.M. Engaging Task (1): Changes to Vermont’s Existing Renewable Energy Requirements
Jennifer Knauer, Facilitator

Presentation: RES & Energy Policy Statute Review, Q&A
Ellen Czajkowski, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
For more info: <https://legislature.vermont.gov/statutes/chapter/30/089>

Working Group Discussion
Anticipated Discussion Prompts:

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- (Warm-up Poll) To what extent does the current RES framework align with your sense about what a successful RES does?
- (Discussion) Think about the places you have identified where the current statute is in tension with your goals for the RES. What immediately comes to mind? In other words, where are the places you think the legislature should put its attention for reform?
- (Discussion) Let's shift attention directly to Task 1 in Act 33 of 2023. One of the "homework" items between the first meeting on September 6th and today was to make a list of potential changes to Vermont's existing renewable energy requirements, or other energy policies, that are needed to increase grid stability, resiliency, modernization, and reliability. Are these items captured here? If not, let's take a moment to add them.

9:50 A.M. Break

10:00 A.M. Q&A regarding Scenario & Modeling Data
Jennifer Knauer, Facilitator

Overview – What we heard from you re. concerns / omissions
Senator Bray & Representative Sheldon, Co-Chairs

Presentation: Scenarios to-date, Q&A
TJ Poor, Director of Regulated Utility Planning, VT Dept. of Public Service

Brief Update: Coordination of Modeling Data Work
Wonjun Chang & Dean Murphy, The Brattle Group

10:40 A.M. Break

10:45 A.M. A first pass at the Task #2 Question: What Are The Barriers To Moving to a 100% Renewable Energy Standard for All Electrical Utilities by 2030
Jennifer Knauer, Facilitator

Presentation: Background - Where "100% by 2030" comes from
Ellen Czajkowski, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
For more information, access the Vermont Climate action Plan here:
<https://outside.vermont.gov/agency/anr/climatecouncil/Shared%20Documents/Initial%20Climate%20Action%20Plan%20-%20Final%20-%202012-1-21.pdf>

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- What are the barriers to moving to a 100% Renewable Energy Standard for All Electrical Utilities by 2030?
- Take A Step Back & Review. Group or recategorize as needed.

- 11:30A.M. Public Comment**
Senator Bray & Representative Sheldon, Co-Chairs
- 11:45 A.M. Next Steps**
- 12:00 P.M. Adjourn**