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**STATE OF VERMONT**  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
RENEWABLE ENERGY STANDARD REFORM  
WORKING GROUP

**Minutes**

Wednesday, October 4, 2023

8:30 AM – 12:00 PM

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

*Time links next to agenda items bring the user to that particular point in the meeting video.*

*For questions, please email Sorsha at [sanderson@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:sanderson@leg.state.vt.us)*

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

**Agenda Review**  
Jennifer Knauer, Facilitator

**Announcements**  
Senator Bray & Representative Sheldon, Co-Chairs

**8:40 A.M. Interactive Polling & Brief Discussion [4:09]**  
Jennifer Knauer, Facilitator  
All Working Group Members Participate

[Polling Results](#)

Themes & Anticipated Polling Prompts:

**Theme: In what ways could the RES reduce *actual* carbon load?**

1. In what ways could the RES seek to decrease generation of greenhouse gas emissions? ...how so? *Reference Tiers 1, 2 or 3 in your answer as needed:*  
<https://legislature.vermont.gov/statutes/section/30/089/08005>
2. Where / how could policy better support a drastic reduction in carbon load?
3. In what ways could the RES bring new renewables into the system?  
Differentiate scope of system: Northeastern, Vermont, Local. *Other areas of policy, per verbal prompt, included: the intersection of transportation and heating polices (clean heat standard), net metering.*

**Theme: Considerations regarding the Resilience & Reliability of Grid Infrastructure**

1. What updates would help prepare & support Vermont's grid / infrastructure to withstand increased environmental stressors / climate change?
2. How is the RES reinforcing Climate Adaptation, currently? ...how isn't it?
3. Where / how could policy better support robust adaptation?

Full Group Discussion Prompt:

Take a moment to review poll results. *Link will be made available to participants and viewers once poll closes, for viewing on shared screen and individual devices as needed.*

1. What stands out for you, from this exercise?

**10:00 A.M. Break**

**10:15 A.M. Continued Discussion from 9 o'clock hour, covering multiple topics. [0:15]**

Jennifer Knauer, Facilitator

All Working Group Members Participate

**11:30 A.M. Public Comment [1:11:19]**

Daniel Jordan [1:11:30]

Howard Widelitz [1:11:47]

Jessica Van Oort [1:15:13]

Earl Hatley [1:17:03]

Ben Gordesky [1:22:33]

Roger White [1:24:25]

Steve Crowley [1:26:20]

Annette Smith [1:30:21]

Schuyler Gould [1:33:57]

**11:53 A.M. Next Steps [1:36:35]**

- Summaries from this meeting will be posted on or before Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Next meeting is scheduled for October 25<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 – Noon. Working Group Members: If there are things you were hoping to cover / see on the agenda, please be in touch with Co-Chairs.
- Discuss & Confirm: **Start time for November Working Group Meetings will remain 8:30am.**
- Announcement: VT Department of Public Service Webinar, "RES/CES Technical Analysis: Draft Results Presentation," is scheduled for October 10<sup>th</sup>, Noon – 3pm ET. To register: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7714674292375644505>
- **Announcement: VT Department of Public Service released a report and summary slides of "Statewide Polling & Focus Groups – Understanding**

Public Opinion on Renewable Electricity: June – July 2023.” Report and summary available at: <https://publicservice.vermont.gov/renewables>

**12:00 P.M. Adjourn**