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

**Agenda**

Wednesday, October 4, 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](mailto: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 provided in the agenda, in case you prefer to follow the real-time updates on your own laptop or mobile device*

**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**  
Jennifer Knauer, Facilitator  
All Working Group Members Participate

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.

**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?

**9:15 A.M. Break**

**9:30 A.M. What is factoring into your thinking about whether to define the RES as a Clean Energy Standard, or as a Renewable Energy Standard?**

Jennifer Knauer, Facilitator

All Working Group Members Participate

*In-meeting Notes to help organize this discussion may be useful. If so, the facilitator may shift to periodically sharing her screen on Zoom and in the room, and/or you may access the note-taking document, which will be updating in real time during the meeting, using this view-only link: [https://docs.google.com/document/d/16yJT6u-PAtwka4Es-3X1XmzhLrfuFfgOSy\\_SsrGej5A/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/16yJT6u-PAtwka4Es-3X1XmzhLrfuFfgOSy_SsrGej5A/edit?usp=sharing)*

Anticipated Discussion Prompts:

1. What is factoring into your thinking about whether to define the RES as a Clean Energy Standard, or as a Renewable Energy Standard?
2. What do you need Legislators to know, regarding: How geography (Regional to the Northeast, or in-state/out-of-state) and system of Renewable Energy Credits (RECS) reinforces amount of carbon load / new renewables in system?
3. What do you need Legislators to know, regarding: How is geography (Regional to the Northeast, or in-state/out-of-state) impacting the Vermont electrical grid's physical infrastructure, technology and storage needs?

**10:45 A.M. Break**

**11:00 A.M. Task (2) per Act 33 of 2023: "Identifying any barriers to moving to a 100 percent renewable standard for all electrical utilities by 2030."**

Jennifer Knauer, Facilitator

All Working Group Members Participate

For view-only access to the summary of "Task (2): Barriers" from September 20th, which may be updating in real time during the meeting, please use the following

link: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1K0RovQOKtplsLpw6i6uhQ-Nz9MtiaSOE/edit?usp=sharing&oid=117879849429861057631&rtpof=true&sd=true>

Anticipated Discussion Prompts:

1. First, are there any omissions – entries that you entered into the poll during our last meeting that didn't make it into this document?
2. How would you reframe or finesse some of the barriers that are listed here? We'll make adjustments as time allows, with the objective of informing discussion topics for future meetings.

**11:30 A.M. Public Comment**  
Senator Bray & Representative Sheldon, Co-Chairs

**11:45 A.M. Next Steps**

- Minutes and 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
- 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>

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