




State of Vermont
Public Service Board

MEMORANDUM

To: Vermont System Planning Committee ("VSPC") Members
(To be distributed at December 4, 2007 meeting)

From: Susan M. Hudson, Clerk of the Board 

Re: Request for Information Related to EEU's Participation in VSPC

Date: November 29, 2007

On November 6, 2007, the Public Service Board ("Board") issued a memorandum to the Parties in Docket 7081 regarding the amount to be collected in the 2008 Energy Efficiency Charge for Energy Efficiency Utility ("EEU") activities under Paragraph 61 of the Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") that was approved by the Board in that docket. The November 6 memorandum stated, in relevant part:

The Board will ask the VSPC to discuss the scope of the EEU's Paragraph 61 activities and make a recommendation to the Board. Once the Board determines the final scope, the Board will amend its contract with the EEU to increase the dollar value of the contract by an appropriate amount for the actual Paragraph 61 activities.

The Board recognizes that the VSPC is a new organization and, as a result, the VSPC has many start-up issues to discuss at its upcoming meetings. However, the MOU requires that the first long-term energy efficiency forecast be completed by May 1, 2008. Therefore, the Board would like to receive the VSPC's recommendation regarding the scope of the EEU's Paragraph 61 activities by January 15, 2008.

In addition, the Board would like to receive comments from the VSPC members, either as a group, or as individuals, regarding what they envision the EEU's role to be as a non-voting member of the VSPC. The Board needs to modify its contract with the entity serving as the EEU to include participation in the VSPC in the EEU's scope of work. However, in order to do so, the Board will need to better understand what such participation will entail, including both the type of tasks and associated time commitments, as well as the expected cost of such participation.¹ Accordingly, the Board would like to receive comments regarding the EEU's participation by January 15, 2008.

¹The MOU did not address how the EEU's participation in the VSPC, other than Paragraph 61 activities, would be funded. Nevertheless, the Board must determine what level of spending on VSPC activities is appropriate, and incorporate this information into its contract with the entity serving as the EEU.