

Rule 5.500

Interconnection Working Group

July 22, 2015

Goals of Interconnection Working Group

One rule covers all interconnections in VT

Incorporate important provisions of ISO NE
Small Generator Interconnection Rule

Streamline process to move projects through
queue more quickly

Flexibility in rule to be adaptable to changing
technologies and growing expertise

ISO-NE recognition of DG in VT
(e.g.

Working Group Process

- Began as part of Net Metering Group-but now a DPS process- not part of Board process
- Group members include utilities, developers, DPS, ISO-NE
- Third draft of Rule recently circulated to Working Group
- Next meeting July 30, 2015

Important Provisions to date

- New Fast Track Screening provisions to move projects through more quickly with ability to continue through Fast Track even if all criteria not met-possibility of supplemental review
- Pre-screen provisions
- Less than 75 kW – interconnect unless utility raises issue within 30 days-everything else eligible for Fast Track

To be addressed

- UL listing
- Ride through and other standards being discussed in IEEE 1547
- Queue management
- Other technical provisions

How the Working Group draft become a new rule?

Adoption Process Administrative Procedure Act-3 VSA Ch. 25:

- Pre-filing with Interagency Committee on Administrative Rules (“ICAR”).
- Proposed Rule Filing with Secretary of State.
- Publication of Notices.
- Hearing and Comment Period.
- Final Proposed Rule Filing with Secretary of State.
- Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules (“LCAR”) Review.
- Adopted Filing with Secretary of State.

Timeline

- Timing in APA well defined – mandatory
- Will probably be filed separate from Net Metering Rule but may gain some efficiency by combining ICAR review – up to Board
- If new rule filed this fall, may have new Rule 5.500 available for spring 2016 interconnection applications

Questions?
