

Net Metering Rulemaking Update



Background

- Act 99 (2014) directed the Public Service Board to oversee development of a Net Metering Rule to take effect in 2017.
 - The process commenced with a report by the Public Service Department issued in October 2014.
 - Working groups met throughout the spring of 2015 to discuss aspects of Vermont's net metering program.
 - Parties submitted initial comments on June 12th and reply comments on July 10th.

Public Service Board Draft Rules

- The Public Service Board issued a Draft Rule on December 7th.
 - A comment deadline of January 13th was set.
- A second draft was issued on February 19th.
 - No comment deadline was set.
- A third draft rule was posted to the PSB website on March 8th.
 - This rule was submitted to the Secretary of State, beginning the formal rulemaking process.
 - A comment deadline of May 12th was set.

Proposed Changes

- Sets Net Metering Rate at each utility's blended retail rate
- Establishes 5 categories of NM projects based on size and siting
 - Creates “siting adjustors” to promote development in desirable locations
 - (between \$.01/kWh and \$- .03/kWh)
 - Different administrative processes for each category of project
- Sets a “REC adjustor” depending on REC disposition chosen by customer
 - +/- \$.03/ kWh
- REC and siting “adjustors” revisited every 2 years
- Eliminates the NM Cap

Next Steps

- Public meetings are scheduled for:
 - Wednesday, May 4th at 7 pm (Montpelier HS)
 - Thursday, May 5th at 10 am (Public Service Board)
- After the comment period has ended (May 12th), the Proposed Rule will be reviewed by the Legislative Committee on Rules (LCAR) for consistency with the statute.
- According to Act 99 the final rule:
 - must be adopted by the PSB prior to July 1, 2016
 - will take effect January 1, 2017