



State of Vermont
Public Service Board

MEMORANDUM

To: Docket Nos. 7873/7874 Service List

From: Judith C. Whitney, Deputy Clerk of the Board

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Re: Proposed Modifications to Screening Framework and Guidelines

Date: November 5, 2013

On March 1, 2013, the Vermont Public Service Board ("Board") issued an Order in this proceeding addressing programmatic changes to the Sustainably Priced Energy Enterprise Development ("SPEED") standard-offer program, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. §§ 8005a and 8006a. In the March 1 Order the Board established a Screening Framework and Guidelines, pursuant to Section 8005a(d)(2), that will provide potential developers with adequate information, at least annually, regarding transmission-constrained areas in which renewable generation having particular characteristics may provide sufficient benefit to the operation and management of the electric grid to warrant being treated outside the cap. The Board remanded Docket No. 7873 to Board staff in order to conduct such additional proceedings as are necessary to expand for future years the scope of eligible grid constraints to include distribution.

On August 8, 2013, the Board issued a memorandum requesting the Vermont System Planning Committee ("VSPC"), or one of its members, to file a proposal for a screening framework and guidelines that would address distribution-level constraints.

On September 27, 2013, the VSPC filed a proposal for incorporating distribution constraints into the screening framework and guidelines previously adopted by the Board.

On October 8, 2013, a workshop was convened to discuss the VSPC's proposal.

The attached document incorporates the VSPC's proposed modifications as well as modifications discussed at the October 8 workshop and clarifying edits from Board staff. Any comments must be filed no later than November 19, 2013.

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