



State of Vermont  
**Public Service Board**

MEMORANDUM

To: Parties to PSB Docket No. 7081  
Vermont System Planning Committee

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

Re: Request from Renewable Energy Vermont re VSPC Public Member Position

Date: May 2, 2013

The Vermont System Planning Committee ("VSPC") includes three public members appointed by the Public Service Board ("Board") to five-year terms. Each public member represents one of the following stakeholder interests: electric residential consumers; electric commercial and industrial consumers; and environmental protection.<sup>1</sup>

On March 27, 2013, Renewable Energy Vermont ("REV") filed the attached letter in response to the Board's advertisement of the open VSPC public member positions. In its letter, REV states that ". . . technically there is no specific public voting seat for an entity such as REV on the VSPC." Nevertheless, REV requests that there be an opportunity for it to participate in the VSPC as a representative of consumers seeking to purchase renewable energy systems and developers/businesses involved in renewable project development.

Because the number of public members and the interests each public member will represent are set forth in the Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") approved by the Board in its June 20, 2007, Order in Docket 7081,<sup>2</sup> the Board requests that the parties to that proceeding, and the VSPC itself, file comments on REV's request. Comments should be filed with the Board by May 24, 2013.

Encl.(1)

cc: Renewable Energy Vermont

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1. The Board also appoints three alternate public members to increase the likelihood that representatives of residential, commercial and industrial, and environmental interests will be present at VSPC functions.

2. See, paragraph 72 of the MOU, and Docket 7081, Order of 6/20/07 at 17 (finding 31), 31 and 39 (order paragraph 4).

March 22, 2013

Business Manager, Vermont Public Service Board  
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Dear Business Manager,

I am writing to express interest in having Renewable Energy Vermont (REV) participate as one of the public members in the Vermont System Planning Commission (VSPC). As REV developers and members become increasingly involved in small- and large-scale projects both at the transmission and distribution level, the concerns and opportunities regarding transmission constraints, grid reliability, and the impact of new renewable projects to the grid, become increasingly interconnected.

REV notes that there is no particular "seat" for independent, merchant developers and renewable energy businesses. This poses a challenge in our request to serve on the VSPC. While REV does indirectly represent several residential/industrial/commercial entities who seek to purchase (and have purchased) renewable energy systems, technically there is no specific public voting seat for an entity such as REV on the VSPC.

REV politely requests that there be an opportunity to participate in the VSPC, if this specific call for public seats (dated March 22, 2013) is not the appropriate allocation. REV would consider our seat to be a broad representation of consumers seeking to purchase renewable energy systems and developers/businesses involved in renewable project deployment.

Recent, direct experience from REV includes significant involvement in Standard Offer proceedings, involvement in net-metering regulations, addressing public questions regarding the impacts of larger-scale renewable projects to the grid, and addressing Legislation that seeks to bring renewables into Vermont while maintaining a robust power grid.

REV's primary interest in serving on the VSPC is to ensure clear and timely communication and understanding between utilities and renewable energy businesses regarding the interplay of grid planning and renewable energy project development.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gabrielle Stebbins".

Gabrielle Stebbins

Executive Director