

May 30, 2019

Judith Whitney, Clerk
Vermont Public Utility Commission
112 State Street
Montpelier, VT 05612

Dear Ms. Whitney:

The Vermont System Planning Committee (VSPC) would like to bring to the Public Utility Commission the fact that five public member seats became vacant on April 25, 2018. We are writing to request that the PUC solicit candidates and fill these vacancies for new five-year terms. Paragraph 72 of the Memorandum of Understanding in Docket 7081, approved 6/20/07 and amended by PUC orders of 1/30/12 & 8/1/12, states the following with regard to public member seats on the VSPC:

72. The Board shall appoint three persons for terms of five years each to serve as voting participants on the VSPC. One such person shall be appointed to articulate the interests of residential consumers; one such person shall be appointed to articulate the interests of commercial and industrial consumers; and one such person shall be appointed to articulate the interests of environmental protection. These representatives shall be empowered to participate in all meetings and shall function in an independent capacity, and their positions on a matter shall not bind the Board.

The five vacancies that now exist are result of the expiration of the following representatives' terms on 4/25/18:

- Residential representative Michael Wickenden was appointed March 31, 2017, to fill the unexpired term of Hervey Scudder.
- Residential alternate Rose Smith was appointed March 31, 2017, to fill the unexpired term of James Wilbur.
- Commercial & industrial representative: Michael Kirick was appointed April 25, 2013, to a five-year term.
- Environmental representative Johanna Miller was appointed April 25, 2013, to a five-year term.
- Environmental alternate Sandra Levine was appointed April 25, 2013, to a five-year term.

The Supply Resources representative and alternate, Nathaniel Vandal and Olivia Campbell Andersen, were appointed on April 8, 2014, and their terms do not expire until 2019.

The VSPC staff has communicated with and received confirmation from all of the above public members and alternates, except Sandra Levine, that they would like to be reappointed and continue serving. As the PUC solicits interest to make appointments to these public positions, we would like to ensure that the current members have the opportunity to reapply. We

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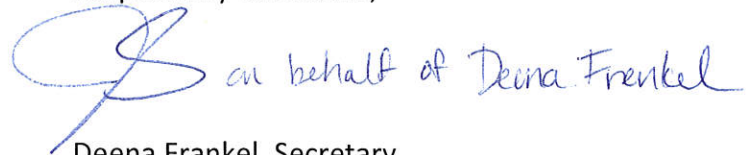
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highlight the fact that Mr. Wickenden and Ms. Smith have only served for one year because the Commission appointed them to fill out unexpired terms.

The VSPC stands ready to assist the Commission in recruitment as we have done in the past by publicizing the availability of the positions. The next meeting of the VSPC is scheduled for July 18, 2018, and we hope that the public member seats may be filled by that time.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Deena Frankel", is written over the typed name. The signature is stylized and cursive.

Deena Frankel, Secretary

Vermont System Planning Committee

cc. Vermont System Planning Committee