



**State of Vermont  
Public Utility Commission**

**MEMORANDUM**

To: Parties in Dockets 7081 and 8875 and Case 18-1640-PET; Windham Regional Commission

From: Ann Bishop, Operations Director *AB*

Re: Two Additional Candidates for Vacant Vermont System Planning Committee Positions

Date: July 2, 2018

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Subsequent to the issuance of my June 29, 2018, memorandum soliciting comments on candidates for the vacant Vermont System Planning Committee positions, the Vermont Public Utility Commission ("Commission") received two more letters of interest for these positions. Copies of these letters of interest are attached to this memorandum.

Any person may file comments on any of the candidates (including the newest two) with the Commission as public comments in case 18-1640-PET. All such comments should be filed on or before **July 10, 2018**.

For your convenience, below is a complete list of individuals who submitted letters of interest for the advertised positions; if the letter of interest specified whether the person was interested in the representative or the alternate position for a particular interest, that is indicated below.

Positions representing the interests of towns and regional planning organizations

- Edward Bove
- Matthew Cota
- Jeff Forward
- Taylor Newton
- Joshua Unruh
- Hal Wilkins

Positions representing the interests of residential customers

- Lori Barg
- Bill Christian
- Tim Duggan
- Brian Evans-Mongeon
- Michael Wickenden – representative position

Positions representing the interests of commercial/industrial customers

- Brian Evans-Mongeon

Positions representing environmental interests

- John Brabant – representative position
- Johanna Miller – representative position
- Sandra Levine – alternate position

Attachments (2)



## Vermonters <sup>for</sup> Clean Environment

June 28, 2018

Business Manager  
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Dear Commissioners:

I am writing to express my interest in filling the advertised primary Environmental Protection Representative seat on the Vermont System Planning Committee (VSPC).

Were I to be granted the privilege to serve in the public interest on the VSPC, I would bring broad range of experience in environmental protection and public interest work to the role, including my 25 year employment as a scientist, legal writer and environmental regulator at the Vermont Department of Natural Resources. Prior to VTDEC, I worked for 5 years as a consulting hydrogeologist in the private sector and have worked professionally in public interest and environment advocacy since 2013, leading to my current employment at Vermonters for a Clean Environment as its Regulatory Affairs Director. In addition to my professional work, I have spent nearly 30 years in town and regional government in both appointed and elected capacities. Presently, I am serving my 13th year as a member of the Calais Town Selectboard in the role of Vice-Chair and as my town's representative to the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission.

The breadth of my environmental science, governmental and public advocacy experience lends well to the role I would serve as the VSPC Environmental Protection Representative. As an environmental regulator, it is important to be able to understand the often complex environmental and ecosystem relationships and how they might be impacted by a proposed project. It is important to work collaboratively toward finding solutions without undermining the integrity of the regulatory programs or environmental systems. Finding the right balance between the at times conflicting public interests of maintaining infrastructure serving a legitimate public need and environmental protection is always a very difficult job. Good decisions are only borne out of thoughtful consideration of the pros and cons of the available options and sometimes bringing to the table options that might have not been previously considered. This is the approach I would bring to the committee discussions.

I trust in the PUC's decision in making the best choice in this regard and thank you for your consideration of my interest in this position on the VSPC.

Sincerely yours,

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June 23, 2018

Dear Business Manager,

I am interested in serving as a primary or alternate residential electric member on the Electric System Planning Committee, as advertised in the Bennington Banner on June 16.

I've lived in Vermont since 1981 and was born and raised in New Hampshire. I believe that an affordable and sustainable energy system is a necessity, and I'd like to be part of the quest to achieve that goal.

I have a strong background in energy. I'm a professional mechanical engineer, and have worked in the field of energy-efficient commercial and industrial HVAC for 30 years, but I feel that I'd have no conflict of interest on this committee because all of my work is in California. I'm concerned about affordable energy, and have some insight into this because of an association with our regional Interfaith Organization ("Food and Fuel Fund", free medical clinic, and food distribution service), where I've seen people's inability to pay for utilities. But I am also concerned that we need to find a way to live that will let very many future generations live as well, or even better, than we are living today.

I'd like to help find the best choices to ensure that the grid can play the evolving role it will need to, to deal with renewable sources and storage, the likely increases in electric demand to serve vehicles and heating, and possible time-of-use billing.

Feel welcome to call me with any questions, at 802-430-4511.

Thanks,  
  
Bill Christian, P.E.