



April 5, 2011

Ms. Susan Hudson, Clerk
Vermont Public Service Board
112 State Street
Montpelier, VT 05602

RE: Docket 7081; public member representing an environmental organization on the VSPC

Dear Ms. Hudson:

I am writing to express my interest in being appointed by the Public Service Board to serve as a public member of the Vermont System Planning Committee, specifically as the person appointed to articulate the interests of environmental protection. I am a staff member of the Vermont Natural Resources Council.

I understand that James Moore of the Vermont Public Interest Research Group has recently resigned from this seat, creating a vacancy.

VNRC is a nearly 50-year-old statewide environmental organization that works to protect Vermont's natural resources and strengthen the state's economy by promoting well-researched, reasoned solutions and building broad-based coalitions to advance those solutions. VNRC is the Vermont affiliate of the National Wildlife Federation.

As the Energy Program Director at VNRC, I work closely with diverse organizations, local officials, and citizens across Vermont to empower them to get involved in important energy, climate change, land use and community development issues. One of the key arenas in which VNRC focuses its energy-related work is by coordinating the Vermont Energy and Climate Action Network — the growing network of nearly 100 community energy committees and organizations focused on developing and advancing local solutions to energy issues. The mission of VECAN, which VNRC and several other organizations founded about five years ago, is to start and support town energy committees in their on-the-ground efforts to help realize a more efficient, clean, renewable energy future for Vermont.

My service on the Vermont System Planning Committee will provide a strong linkage to Vermont's environmental community and will enable me to foster connections between the VSPC and the nearly 100 active local energy committees.

Please let me know if the Board requires other information to evaluate my request for appointment, and thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Johanna Miller, *Energy Program Director*
Vermont Natural Resources Council

Cc: Deena Frankel, Vermont System Planning Committee