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MEMORANDUM

To: Vermont Department of Public Service
Vermont Public Service Board
VPPSA
Washington Electric Coop
Green Mountain Power
Vermont Electric Coop

From: Senator Christopher A. Bray, Chair, Senate Natural Resources and Energy (SNRE)

Date: March 21, 2017

Re: Request for Information on Vermont's Net Metering Program

The Senate Natural Resource and Energy Committee plans to move a Miscellaneous Energy bill forward to address a variety of energy issues, including net metering, as it existed prior to and since January 1, 2017.

We would like to learn more about your organization's experience with, and recommendations regarding, these net metering programs, including any concerns you have about the currently operative Order and pending Rule.

In addition to this general request for testimony, which will begin on Thursday, March 23 at 9am, the committee asks that you come prepared to address several specific questions that have emerged in SNRE discussions; these include:

For net metering system owners:

A. What is the value in dollars of each item below?

1. Increases or decreases in line loss costs for all other rate payers
2. Increases or decreases in ISO NE assessments for all other rate payers
3. Increases or decreases in peak demand electric rates for all other rate payers
4. Increases or decreases in the need to construct transmission and distribution infrastructure, including additional poles and wires for all other rate payers.

B. How do we treat "individual" utilities small net-metering?

Note, investor-owned utilities get a guaranteed pay back plus a markup for constructing projects that provide lower rates, reliability, fewer assessments, and avoided construction costs; why aren't net metering customers remunerated in the same manner?

For all other rate payers:

1. For utilities with net metering customers, what is the dollar value of any increases or decreases of poles and wires maintenance charges?

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "C. Bray", written over a faint circular stamp or watermark.

Senator Christopher A. Bray