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**State of Vermont
Public Service Board**

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Hon. Timothy Ashe
Hon. William Botzow
Hon. Christopher Bray
Hon. Anthony Klein
115 State Street
Montpelier, VT 05633-5301

Re: Update on revising Vermont's net metering program

Dear Senators Ashe and Bray, and Representatives Botzow and Klein:

On behalf of the Vermont Public Service Board, I am writing to update you on our progress in developing a revised net metering program pursuant to Act 99 of 2014. As you know, that law required the Board to submit a revised net metering rule for consideration by the House Committee on Natural Resources and Energy, the House Committee on Commerce, the Senate Committee on Natural Resources, and the Senate Committee on Finance. Since my last letter to you, the Board has filed a proposed rule with the Vermont Secretary of State.

While not a final rule, the proposed rule reflects the significant public input that the Board has received and considered. The Board is providing the proposed rule to you now so that the Legislature is aware of the Board's progress to date and has as much time as possible to consider issues related to revising Vermont's net metering program.

Pursuant to state law, a public comment period for the proposed rule has begun and the Board will conduct two public hearings in the first week of May to allow for public input on the proposed rule. After this process is complete, the Board will then submit a final rule and the required report to the Legislature as contemplated by Act 99.

Please let me know if you have any questions about the Board progress toward giving substance and structure to the mandates of Act 99 to redesign Vermont's net metering program.

Sincerely,

James Volz
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Chair, Vermont Public Service Board

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