



STATE OF VERMONT
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
JOINT ENERGY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, Sep. 30, 2015, 10:00 a.m.
Ethan Allen Room

Members Present: Sens. Bray and MacDonald; Reps Klein, Sullivan, and Chesnut–Tangerman

Staff Present: Aaron Adler, Legislative Counsel
Christine Gilhuly, Committee Assistant

Witnesses Present: Jonathan Copans and Brian Cotterill, Dept. of Public Service
Elizabeth Gamache, Efficiency Vermont
Tom Knauer and June Tierney, Public Service Board

Chair Rep. Klein convened the meeting. On motion of Sen. Bray, the committee unanimously approved the minutes of May 7, 2015. The committee circulated a sheet on which attendees could enter their name, affiliation, and e-mail address.

Mr. Adler testified on the committee's charge under 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 56, Sec. 14b and the statutes applicable to the Energy Efficiency Utilities (EEU) and the energy transformation category (Tier 3) of the Renewable Energy Standard (RES).

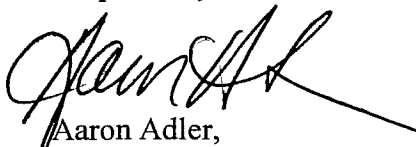
Mr. Copans, Deputy Commissioner, and Mr. Cotterill, Energy Analyst testified on the history, regulatory structure, and benefits of the EEUs.

Ms. Gamache, Manager of Corporate Services for Efficiency Vermont (EVT), testified on EVT's structure, its current and proposed programs and activities, and its potential interface with RES tier 3.

Mr. Knauer, Utility Analyst, and Ms. Tierney, General Counsel, testified on how the Public Service Board sets the energy efficiency charge and on the Board's demand resources plan proceedings, including the setting of the EEU budgets.

The committee discussed a potential next meeting date of October 16, 2015. Staff will contact the members on scheduling that meeting, for which agenda topics will include the EEUs and also carbon management, and may include issues related to Vermont Yankee and solar projects in Vermont larger than five megawatts. The Chair and Vice-Chair will work with staff to finalize the agenda.

Respectfully submitted,


Aaron Adler,
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