

Sec. 8. PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD IMPLEMENTATION

(a) Commencement. On or before August 31, 2015, the Public Service Board (the Board) shall commence a proceeding to implement Secs. 2 (sales of electric energy; RESET Program), 3 (RESET Program categories), and 7 (tradeable renewable energy credits) of this act.

(b) Notice; comment; workshop. The proceeding shall include one or more workshops to the solicit the input of potentially affected parties and the public. The Board shall provide notice of the workshops on its website and directly to the Department, Vermont's retail electricity providers, Renewable Energy Vermont, business organizations such as Associated Industries of Vermont, environmental and consumer advocacy organizations such as the Vermont Natural Resources Council and the Vermont Public Interest Research Group, and to any other person that requests direct notice or to whom the Board may consider direct notice appropriate. The Board also shall provide an opportunity for submission of written comments, which the notice shall include.

(b) Procedures; order. On or before July 1, 2016, the Board shall by order adopt initial procedures to implement Secs. 2, 3, and 7 of this act to take effect on January 1, 2017.

(c) On or before July 1, 2017, the Board shall commence rulemaking to implement Secs. 2, 3, and 7 of this act. The Board shall finally adopt these rules within eight months of commencing rulemaking, unless this period is extended by the Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules under 3 V.S.A. § 843.

(d) Assistance. The Board and the Department of Public Service may retain experts and other personnel to assist them with the rulemaking under this section and allocate the costs of these personnel to the electric distribution utilities in accordance with the process under 30 V.S.A. § 21.