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**State of Vermont
Public Service Board**

MEMORANDUM

To: Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Energy

From: Jake Marren, Staff Attorney for the Vermont Public Service Board

Re: The status of the net-metering rule and the transition between the current net-metering program and an adopted rule.

Date: January 17, 2017

What is the status of the net-metering rule?

The Board anticipates filing a copy of the final proposed net-metering rule on Friday, January 20, 2017.

Transition from the net-metering program adopted by Board Orders dated 6/29/16 and 8/30/2016 to an adopted rule.

The net-metering program that is described in Attachment A of the Board's August 29, 2016, Order is currently in effect and functioning. The Board has received approximately 70 net-metering applications in 2017 that are subject to the requirements of the program. Net-metering systems who receive a certificate of public good under the current program will take service under the terms of that program until a final rule is adopted. This adopted rule would then supersede the program that is currently in place. It will likely take some additional time for utility tariffs implementing the adopted rule to take effect.

The final proposed rule is substantially similar to the program that is set forth in Attachment A. Therefore, the Board does not anticipate that the transition to an adopted rule will have a significant impact on net-metering customers who received a certificate of public good at a time when Attachment A was in effect.