

**Status Report on State Action Required under 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 56**  
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<b>Due Date</b>	<b>Act 56 Sec. &amp; V.S.A Section</b>	<b>Required Action and Agency</b>	<b>Status</b>
8/31/15	8 (session law)	Public Service Board; commence proceeding to implement the Renewable Energy Standard (RES). The specific sections to implement were Secs. 2 (30 V.S.A. § 8004 – sales of electric energy; RES), 3 (30 V.S.A. § 8005 – RES categories), and 7 (30 V.S.A. § 8006 – tradeable renewable energy credits).	Commenced 8/7/15
12/15/15	21a (session law)	Dept. of Public Service; whether to adopt minimum standards for heat pumps sold in Vermont, including efficiency and cold climate use	Submitted 12/15/15 – <a href="http://legislature.vermont.gov/assets/Legislative-Reports/Act-56-heat-pump-report.pdf">http://legislature.vermont.gov/assets/Legislative-Reports/Act-56-heat-pump-report.pdf</a>
12/15/15	21b (session law)	Dept. of Public Service; recommendations on how to improve its public advocacy division	Submitted 2/22/16 – <a href="http://legislature.vermont.gov/committee/document/2016/25/Witness/Chris%20Recc%20Commissioner,%20Public%20Service%20Department">http://legislature.vermont.gov/committee/document/2016/25/Witness/Chris%20Recc%20Commissioner,%20Public%20Service%20Department</a>
12/15/15	21c (session law)	Agency of Natural Resources; environmental and land use impacts of renewable generation, methods for mitigation, and recommendations for design and siting	Submitted 1/14/16 – <a href="http://legislature.vermont.gov/assets/Legislative-Reports/Act-56-ANR-env-land-use-report-with-appendices-corrected.pdf">http://legislature.vermont.gov/assets/Legislative-Reports/Act-56-ANR-env-land-use-report-with-appendices-corrected.pdf</a>
1/15/16	26g (session law)	Solar Siting Task Force; report on siting, design and regulatory review of solar electric generation	Submitted 1/22/16 – <a href="http://legislature.vermont.gov/assets/Legislative-Reports/Solar-Siting-Task-Force-Report-Final-012216.pdf">http://legislature.vermont.gov/assets/Legislative-Reports/Solar-Siting-Task-Force-Report-Final-012216.pdf</a>

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2/15/16	14b (session law)	Joint Energy Committee; recommend revisions, if any, to statutes regarding the efficiency utility, including its relationship to RES tier 3 (energy transformation projects)	Submitted 2/11/16 – <a href="http://legislature.vermont.gov/assets/Legislative-Reports/PDF964.pdf">http://legislature.vermont.gov/assets/Legislative-Reports/PDF964.pdf</a>
7/1/16	8 (session law)	Public Service Board; issue order to implement Secs. 2, 3, and 7 (for more complete description, see first entry on first page)	Issued 6/28/16; amended 10/29/16; <a href="http://psb.vermont.gov/electric/renewable-energy-standard">http://psb.vermont.gov/electric/renewable-energy-standard</a>
7/1/16	10 (session law)	Commissioner of Forest, Parks and Recreation; deadline to issue rules to implement Sec. 9. That section added 10 V.S.A. § 2751 to require rules that establish “biomass renewability standards” for RES tiers 2 (distributed renewable generation) and 3 (energy transformation projects).	No adopted rules found
1/15/17	26f (session law)	Depts. of Housing and Community Development and Public Service; implementation by towns of the solar screening provisions added by the act, 24 V.S.A. §§ 2291(28) and 4414(15)	Future requirement
3/1/17 and every two years after through 2033	30 V.S.A. § 8005	Dept. of Public Service; biennial report on a variety of issues related to renewable energy programs, including the standard offer program and, commencing in 2019, the RES	Future requirement
1/15/18 and each year through 2033	30 V.S.A. § 8005	Dept. of Public Service; annual report on the RES	Future requirement

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7/1/18	8 (session law)	Public Service Board; commence rulemaking to implement Secs. 2, 3, and 7 (for more complete description, see first entry on first page)	Future requirement
3/1/19	8 (session law)	Public Service Board; complete rulemaking to implement Secs. 2, 3, and 7; may be extended by Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules	Future requirement