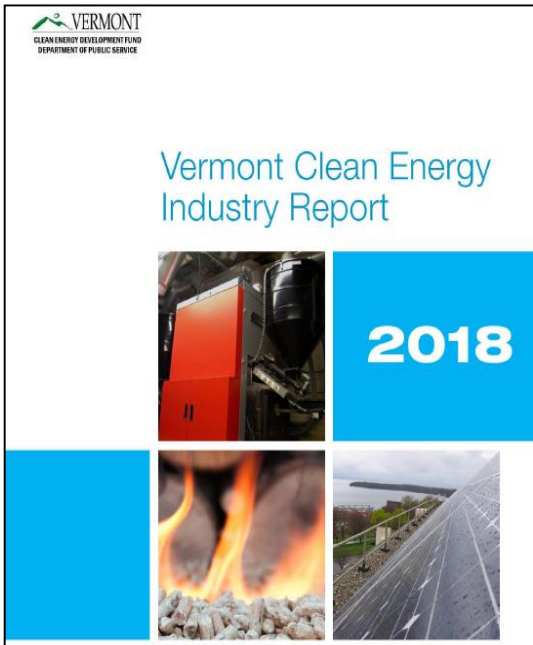


# VERMONT CLEAN ENERGY INDUSTRY REPORT



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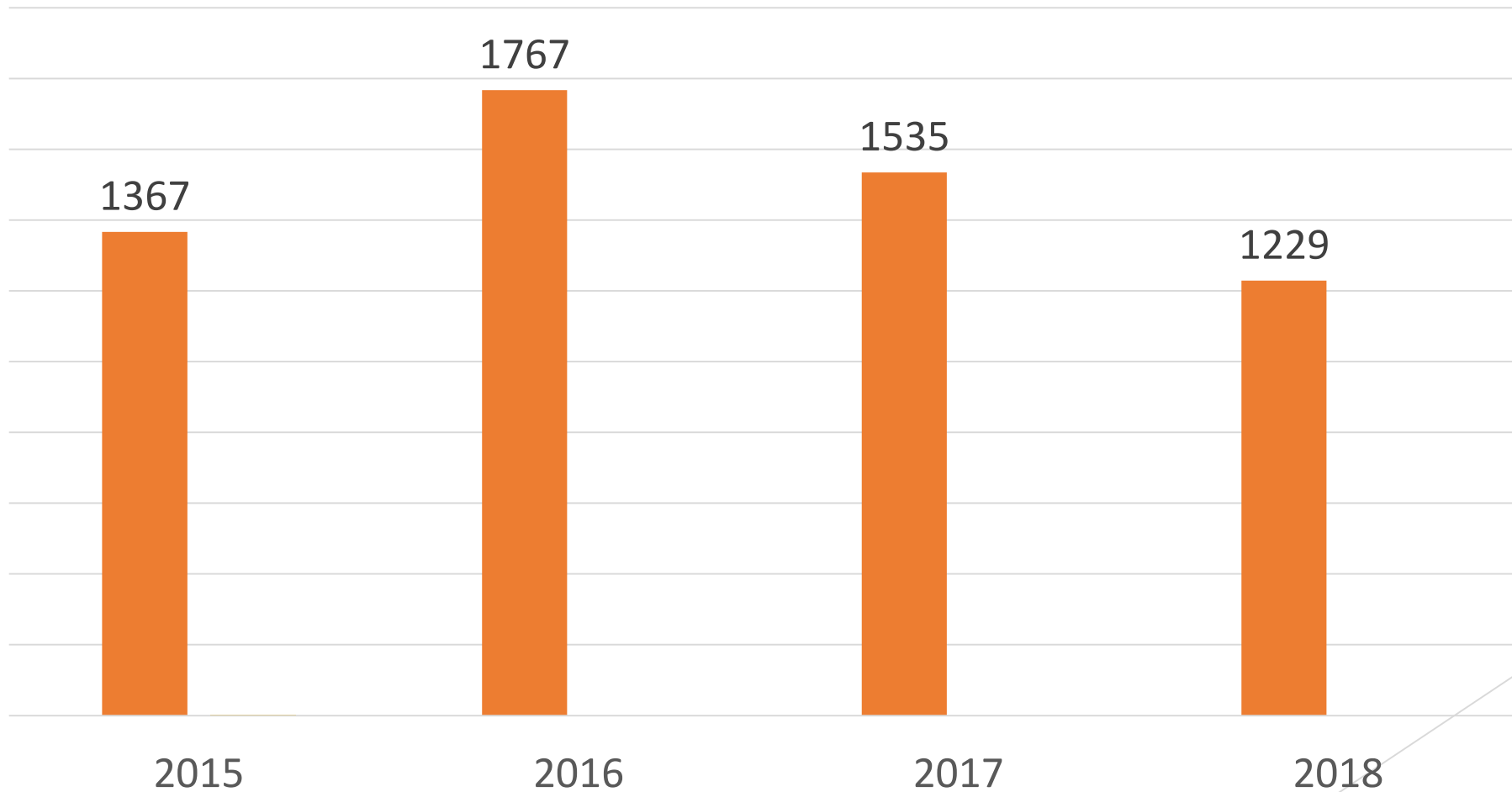
*“Clean energy jobs in Vermont provide higher median hourly earnings—about **\$26.71**.”*

*“[S]olar jobs do remain the largest segment of Vermont’s renewable electricity workforce, accounting for just over a third of total renewable energy workers”*

*“For the first time since the Vermont Clean Energy Industry Report’s inception in 2013, the state’s clean energy economy exhibited a decline in employment, driven largely by losses in the solar industry.*

*... In Vermont, the shedding of [215] solar jobs came alongside a decline in solar installations over the same period of about 9%.”*

# *Vermont Lost 538 Solar Jobs in last 2 years*



| <b>Project Capacity</b> | <b>7/1/2017 - 2/12/2018</b> | <b>7/1/2018 - 2/12/2019</b> |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <= 15 kW                | 1,586                       | 1,070                       |
| 15 kW - <u>≤</u> 150 kW | 76                          | 71                          |
| >150 kW - <500 kW       | 2                           | 8                           |
| 500 kW                  | 15                          | 12                          |
| Total                   | 1,679                       | 1,161                       |

**New Solar Project Applications Dropped 31%**

# Alternative Options

- ▶ Increase the GRT on gas
- ▶ Apply the GRT to wholesale electricity sales 5 MW and greater
- ▶ Apply fees on projects 5 MW and greater
- ▶ Audit bill back collections & more timely billing from DPS & other state agencies
- ▶ Utilize bill back authority for contested cases for larger projects

# Administration \$ request = \$600,000

## Additional / New GRT revenue

|  | <b>FY 20</b> | <b>FY 21</b> | <b>FY 22</b> |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>GRT – gas</b>                               | 0.00525      | 0.006        | 0.00675      |
| <b>additional/ new GRT revenue - gas</b>       | \$ 232,714   | \$ 310,285   | \$ 387,856   |
| <b>GRT - electric</b>                          | 0.00525      | 0.0055       | 0.00575      |
| <b>additional/ new GRT revenue - electric</b>  | \$ 275,283   | \$ 550,566   | \$ 825,849   |
| <b>GRT - wholesale electricity sales 5 MW+</b> | 0.00525      | 0.0055       | 0.00575      |
| <b>Additional/ new GRT revenue 5 MW+</b>       | TBD          | TBD          | TBD          |

# CPG Application Fee Options

| Registration amendment fees      |                   |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|
|                                  | Total fee revenue |
| \$25/ registration amendment     | TBD               |
| \$75/ non-registration amendment | TBD               |

| Option 1                | Total kW - FY 18 | \$/ registration | \$/ kW fee | Total fee revenue |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------|-------------------|
| ≤ 50 kW                 | 24,367           | \$ 50            |            | \$ 154,000        |
| >50 kW registration     |                  | \$ 100           |            | TBD               |
| >50 kW non registration | 70,760           |                  | \$ 4.00    | \$ 283,040        |
| Total                   |                  |                  |            | \$ 437,040        |

| Option 2 | Total kW - FY 18 | \$/ registration | \$/ kW fee | Total fee revenue |
|----------|------------------|------------------|------------|-------------------|
| ≤ 500 kW | 71,057           |                  | \$ 3.00    | \$ 213,171        |
| > 500 kW | 24,070           |                  | \$ 5.00    | \$ 120,350        |
| Total    |                  |                  |            | \$ 333,521        |

| Option 3          | Total kW - FY 18 | \$/ registration | \$/ kW fee | Total fee revenue |
|-------------------|------------------|------------------|------------|-------------------|
| < 50 kW           | 24,367           | \$ 50            |            | \$ 154,000        |
| >50 kW to <150 kW | 18,676           |                  | \$ 4.00    | \$ 74,704         |
| >150 kW           | 52,084           |                  | \$ 5.00    | \$ 260,420        |
| Total             |                  |                  |            | \$ 489,124        |

# PUC Disposition of Net Metering vs. Telecom Cases

FISCAL YEAR 2018 (7/1/2017 -6/30/2018)

| Net Metering CPGs (not inc. registrations) |                            |           |            | Section 248a Telecommunications CPG |                            |          |           |
|--|----------------------------|-----------|------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------|-----------|
| <b>Total Filed</b>                         |                            |           |            | <b>Total Filed</b>                  |                            |          |           |
| <b>80</b>                                  |                            |           |            | <b>154</b>                          |                            |          |           |
| <b>Time to Disposition</b>                 | 60 days                    | 6         | 8%         | <b>Time to Disposition</b>          | 60 days                    | 129      | 84%       |
|  | 61-90 days                 | 13        | 16%        |                                     | 61-90 days                 | 21       | 14%       |
|  | 91-180                     | 23        | 29%        |                                     | 91-180 days                | 2        | 1%        |
|  | 181+ days                  | 19        | 24%        |                                     | 181+ days                  | 1        | 1%        |
|  | withdrawn/dismissed        | 5         | 6%         |                                     | withdrawn/dismissed        | 1        | 1%        |
|  | <b>Pending on 2/9/2019</b> | <b>14</b> | <b>18%</b> |                                     | <b>Pending on 2/9/2019</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0%</b> |

*Data from ePUC. Disposition from date of filing to final order/CPG.*

*Net metering CPGs = "Applications" and "Petitions" under PUC Rules 5.106 and 5.107.*

*Only 4 of the pending net metering cases were ordered a hearing.*



**Need to create efficiency in government operations and certainty for Vermonters generating their own renewable electricity by establishing clear timelines / process and certainty for CPG application review and permitting.**

**REV proposes language mirroring existing statute related the Public Utility Commission's timelines for review of local telecommunications and wireless projects.**



Recommend adding to 30 VSA § 8001:

(a) The General Assembly finds it in the interest of the people of the State to promote the State energy policy established in section 202a of this title by:

(9) Establishing mandatory timeframes for review and approval of renewable energy systems.

(c) Except for net-metering systems for which the Public Utility Commission has established a registration process pursuant to its authority under section 8010 of this chapter, the Public Utility Commission shall issue a final determination on an application filed pursuant to section 8010 within 60 days of its filing or, if the original filing did not substantially comply with the Public Utility Commission's rules, within 60 days of the date on which the Commission notifies the applicant that the filing is complete, unless the Commission determines that the application raises a significant issue. If the Commission determines that an application raises a significant issue, it shall issue a final determination on an application filed pursuant to section 8010 within 180 days of its filing or, if the original filing did not substantially comply with the Public Utility Commission's rules, within 180 days of the date on which the Commission notifies the applicant that the filing is complete.



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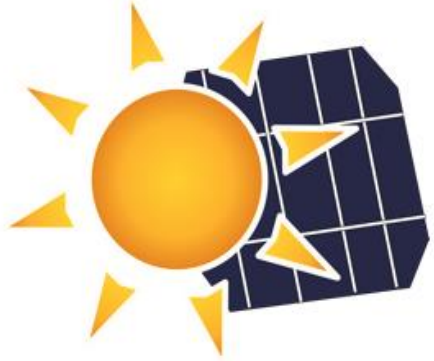
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# Solar in Vermont



In 2016, for every **1kW** of net metered solar, electric ratepayers **saved 6 cents** in lower regional capacity and transmission charges.<sup>5</sup>

## Independent Expert Analysis Shows Local Benefits

### Economic

**1,535** full-time jobs in solar trades & **\$22+ million** added to the local economy in 2017



### Health & Environmental



**\$1+ million/year** in emissions reductions CO<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub>, SO<sub>x</sub>

### Utility

Increased grid efficiency & modernization; substations, line improvements, etc. paid for by net metered customers.



### Community

**\$1.7 million/year** in state tax revenue annually in just the Green Mountain Power service territory.



**For Less Than a Nickel a Month**  
**Net Metering Creates Many Benefits for Vermonters**



<sup>5</sup> Tariff Filing 8618 2017 GMP Base Rate Filing; Larkin & Associates, PLLC. Analysis of Rate Year Ending September 30, 2017, Green Mountain Power Corporation

# Net Metering 2.0

## Non-bypassable Charges

Net metering customers pay the following charges on their electric bill:

- ▶ Utility Customer Charge
- ▶ Energy Efficiency Charge
- ▶ Energy Assistance Program Charge