

Updated New Renewables Language

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As noted during my testimony earlier today, VPIRG's proposed language requiring 100% new renewable energy to be supplied to all data centers covered under H.727 did not include any requirement for distributed renewable energy (i.e. renewable energy that would qualify for "Tier 2" of the Renewable Energy Standard - 30 V.S.A. § 8005(a)(2)), but could and probably should be amended to do so. Below I have included – highlighted in blue – additional language to incorporate such a requirement, as well as the construction of on-site renewable energy in coordination with the electric utility serving the data center:

(b) The Large Load Service Equity contract shall...

(3) promote or, at a minimum, not impede in any way an electric company's ability to meet renewable electricity targets pursuant to the Renewable Energy Standard provide 100% of the electricity used by the data center on an annual basis from new renewable energy that would qualify under the requirements of 30 V.S.A. § 8005(a)(4)(A), including a reasonable and increasing percentage of distributed renewable energy that would qualify under the requirements of 30 V.S.A. § 8005(a)(2)(B). As a component of the new and distributed renewable energy required by this subdivision, the data center shall coordinate with the retail electricity provider it will be served by to ensure as much new renewable energy is constructed on the data center campus as is reasonably possible. Notwithstanding 30 V.S.A. § 8004 and 8005 (Renewable Energy Standard), this requirement shall be additional to and calculated separately from the requirements on retail electricity providers laid out in those sections, and the entire cost of complying with it shall be borne by the data center;