

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Case No. 23-3604-PET

Petition of Vermont Public Power Supply Authority for approval of a proposed EV/EVSE tariff rider program for its member utilities	
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Order entered: 01/25/2024

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

The case concerns a petition filed with the Vermont Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) by the Vermont Public Power Supply Authority (“VPPSA”) for approval of a proposed Electric Vehicle/ Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment (“EV/EVSE”) tariff rider program for its member utilities.

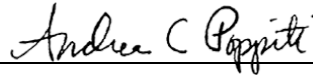
VPPSA is requested to provide information responding to the following requests by no later than February 5, 2024. VPPSA’s responses should be in a form that is typically admissible in the evidentiary record, such as prefiled testimony or exhibits.

1. Will VPPSA have a grace period for customers to understand the bill impact of charging during periods of higher rates?
2. At the January 11, 2024, workshop, Mr. Farman stated that Green Mountain Corporation’s (“GMP”) EV rate options have a “much narrower on-peak window” than VPPSA is proposing. Does VPPSA view this as a benefit to its customers? Does VPPSA believe that there are other benefits of its proposal over GMP’s rate options? If yes, please explain.
3. At the January 11, 2024, workshop Ms. Braese stated that “the vision for [the VPPSA program] was the New Hampshire Electric Co-op who has the transactive energy rate.” Does the New Hampshire Electric Co-op use the same technology as VPPSA is proposing to use to implement the tariff? Please explain how the New Hampshire program has guided the development of VPPSA’s program. Please explain VPPSA’s understanding of the New Hampshire program’s success such as customer participation numbers.

4. Please provide a few examples of possible service or platform providers (e.g., a customer's OpenADR-Compliant Authorized Representative). Will this representative serve as a customer's aggregator? Will there be a default aggregator?
5. How will VPPSA market the new tariff offering to customers?
6. How will VPPSA use its existing PowerShift program to incentivize customers to participate in the tariff?
7. Please provide information on current customer participation numbers for the PowerShift program. How does VPPSA currently market the PowerShift program to customers? Will VPPSA expand outreach after the tariff is implemented?
8. At the January 11, 2024, workshop, when asked whether internet was required to communicate with the device, Ms. Braese responded that "it depends on the device" and that the technology uses radio and cell phone towers. How common is it for EVs to have this capability? How will customers ensure that their EV has this capability in order to participate in the tariff? Are retrofit options readily available for customers that have EVs without this capability?
9. The Commission is reviewing VPPSA's petition for approval of its Advanced Metering Infrastructure ("AMI") Plan in Case No. 23-2861-PET. Is VPPSA proposing to use this tariff program as a bridge for customers to have access to EV/EVSE tariff options until AMI is deployed? Will the technology needed to implement this EV tariff be relevant and used when AMI is rolled out? If not, how will VPPSA address the potential sunk costs related to its investment?
10. Please provide a best estimate of program costs including upfront and ongoing costs and how those costs will be allocated. In addition, please provide a best estimate of the program costs charge for the EV/EVSE tariff customers.
11. Please provide proposed reporting metrics and a schedule to update the Commission on customer participation and other relevant information after the tariff is implemented.

SO ORDERED.


Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 25th day of January, 2024.



Andrea Poppiti
Hearing Officer

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

Filed: January 25, 2024

Attest:  _____
Clerk of the Commission

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