

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Case No. 17-4632-INV

Continuing issues related to the implementation of the Renewable Energy Standard	
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Order entered: 01/24/2019

**ORDER AMENDING FINAL ORDER APPROVING
2017 RENEWABLE ENERGY STANDARD COMPLIANCE FILINGS**

On December 10, 2018, the Vermont Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) issued an order approving the 2017 Renewable Energy Standard (“RES”) compliance filings for Vermont’s electric distribution companies (the “RES Order”). After the RES Order was issued, Vermont Electric Cooperative (“VEC”) and Burlington Electric Department (“BED”) identified errors in the RES Order and sought amendments. In this Order, we make the requested amendments.

VEC

On December 21, 2018, VEC filed a motion to amend the RES Order to reflect a supplemental 2017 RES compliance filing made by VEC on October 10, 2018. The supplemental filing corrected an error in VEC’s calculation of its Tier III savings claims. The procedural history of the RES Order included reference to the supplemental filing, but the section of the RES Order finding that VEC met its 2017 RES obligations failed to account for the supplemental filing.

The calculations used to arrive at VEC’s amended Tier III savings claim are consistent with the calculations used by the other electric distribution companies to determine their Tier III savings claims, and the Vermont Department of Public Service (“Department”) reviewed and recommended approval of VEC’s amended Tier III savings claim.¹ Therefore, we amend the second-to-last full paragraph on page 6 of the RES Order to state:

“For Tier III, VEC was required to provide savings equivalent to 8,883 MWh. The Department confirmed that VEC’s energy transformation projects produced 11,467 MWh of Tier

¹ Letter from Allison Bates Wannop, Esq., to Judith Whitney, Clerk of the Commission, dated January 11, 2019.

III savings to put towards VEC's 8,883 Tier III obligation for 2017. VEC banked the remaining Tier III savings for use in future years."

BED

On January 2, 2019, BED filed a letter requesting that the Commission amend the RES Order to correct an error in BED's August 30, 2018, Tier III compliance filing. In its Tier III compliance filing, BED reported that 22 MWh of renewable energy credits were generated by the 585 Pine Street Solar array. The credits were reported as being retired and applied toward BED's Tier III requirement. Upon further inspection of the data, BED discovered that it had mistakenly double-counted 22 MWhs. In fact, the 585 Pine Street Solar array generated 13 MWhs, not 22 MWhs, for 2017.

To correct these errors, BED has retired the necessary additional Tier II renewable energy credits to meet its Tier III requirement, rather than banking those Tier II renewable energy credits for use in future years.

The Department has no objection to amending the RES Order to correct BED's error.²

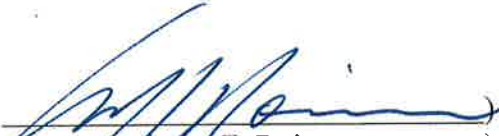
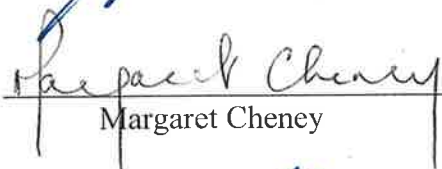

Therefore, we amend the first full paragraph on page 5 of the RES Order to state:

"For Tier III, BED had a requirement of 6,642 MWh of savings for 2017. The Department confirmed that BED achieved 1,274 MWh of savings through its Tier III energy transformation projects and retired 5,390 Tier II RECs to meet the remainder of its Tier III obligation. Based on BED's filings and the Department's findings, BED is in compliance with its Tier III obligations."

SO ORDERED.

² *Id.*

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 24th day of January, 2019.

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Filed: January 24, 2019

Attest: 
Clerk of the Commission

Notice to Readers: This decision is subject to revision of technical errors. Readers are requested to notify the Clerk of the Commission (by e-mail, telephone, or in writing) of any apparent errors, in order that any necessary corrections may be made. (E-mail address: puc.clerk@vermont.gov).

Appeal of this decision to the Supreme Court of Vermont must be filed with the Clerk of the Commission within 30 days. Appeal will not stay the effect of this Order, absent further order by this Commission or appropriate action by the Supreme Court of Vermont. Motions for reconsideration or stay, if any, must be filed with the Clerk of the Commission within 28 days of the date of this decision and Order.

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