

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Case No. 19-0855-RULE

Proposed revisions to Vermont Public Utility Commission Rule 5.100	
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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE NOTICE OF SHEI INVESTIGATION

On October 30, 2020, the Vermont Department of Public Service (“Department”) submitted a petition with the Vermont Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) which requested an investigation to explore a mechanism to mitigate negative rate payer impacts which would arise from new net-metered development within the transmission constrained area known as the Sheffield Highgate Export Interface (“SHEI”). By Order of the Commission,¹ the development of net-metered projects within the SHEI has been greatly decreased, with no new development of projects 150 kW or larger, and the petitions for several large net-metering applications have been stayed.

Alongside its petition, the Department has submitted a straw proposal for a net-metering SHEI mitigation grid adjuster that it has developed as a working proposal for discussion and consideration of a means to allow some net-metered development to continue. The Department’s petition was assigned case number 20-3304-PET, and it is the Department’s expectation that many participants in this rulemaking would be useful and interested participants in any process which would

¹ *Application of Derby GLC Solar, LLC*, PUC Case No. 17-1247-NMP, Final Order of 01/24/2019; *aff’d*, *In re Application of Derby GLC Solar, LLC*, 2019 VT 77, 221 A.3d 777.

ultimately allow some net-metered development to continue within the SHEI. This filing is intended to notify would be participants and encourage them to join that proceeding.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 30th day of October 2020.

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