

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Case No. 19-0856-RULE

Proposed revisions to Vermont Public Utility Commission Rule 5.500	
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Order entered: 12/30/2022

NOTICE OF WORKSHOP

This is a Vermont Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) proceeding to review Commission Rule 5.500, which governs the procedures for the interconnection of electric generation systems.

On January 26, 2023, at 9:30 A.M., Commission staff will conduct a virtual workshop. The purpose of the workshop will be for stakeholders to discuss the procedures for the submission of interconnection applications. In comments submitted on November 21, 2022, Vermont Electric Power Company (“VELCO”) recommended that the Commission explicitly allow for the digitization of interconnection applications. VELCO stated that the:

[i]mplementation of on-line, electronic web forms designed with various consistency- and validity- enforcing data collection tools (checkboxes, drop-downs, etc.) would allow for both automation and standardization of the administrative aspects of interconnections, with fewer errors and more efficiency, generally.¹

VELCO also stated that digitized applications are a foundational step towards the eventual creation of a statewide registry for distributed energy resources (“DERs”).

VELCO stated that it anticipates “providing the PUC and stakeholders with a proposal for a DER registry implementation roadmap, at some point during 2023.”²

Commission staff would like to hear feedback from stakeholders about VELCO’s proposal to digitize interconnection applications. Staff would also like understand what steps would be necessary to implement digitized interconnection applications and whether additional changes to the text of Rule 5.500 are necessary to allow for the use of digitized applications.

¹ VELCO Comments dated November 21, 2022, at 1.

² *Id.* at 2.

Participants and members of the public may access the workshop online at <https://meet.goto.com/602503629> or call in using the following information: Phone Number +1 (646) 749-3129 Access Code: 602-503-629. Participants may wish to download the GoToMeeting software application in advance of the workshop at <https://meet.goto.com/install>. Guidance on how to join the meeting and system requirements may be found at <https://www.gotomeeting.com/meeting/online-meeting-support>.

SO ORDERED.

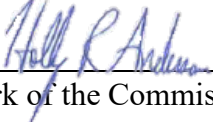
Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 30th day of December, 2022.



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OFFICE OF THE CLERK

Filed: December 30, 2022

Attest: 
Clerk of the Commission

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