

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

EEU-2010-06

In re: EEU Demand Resources Plan)

Order entered: 8/31/2016

ORDER SEEKING COMMENTS

The Vermont Public Service Board (“Board”) initiated this workshop process to develop the first Long-Term Demand Resources Plan (“DRP”) for the energy efficiency utility¹ (“EEU”) program. A DRP includes short- and long-term energy efficiency budgets and energy savings goals, quantifiable performance indicators (“QPI”) for each EEU for the three-year performance period, and descriptions of services to be provided by each EEU over the forecast periods. All long-term components of a DRP are revisited every three years through subsequent workshop processes.

The three-year performance period covered by the DRP that was the subject of this proceeding was 2012-2014.

On August 12, 2016, the Board issued an order proposing to close this proceeding unless a request to keep it open was filed with the Board on or before August 29, 2016.

On August 22, 2016, Mr. Michael Wickenden filed a request that the Board keep this proceeding open until a final report on the Vermont Department of Public Service’s (“DPS”) EEU measurement and evaluation (“M&E”) activities is produced by the DPS, circulated to participants in this proceeding for comment, and reviewed by the Board. Mr. Wickenden notes that the budgets approved by the Board in this proceeding included amounts for DPS-managed EEU M&E activities. Mr. Wickenden states that, based on information provided by the DPS and VEIC in a joint March 2016 filing that quantified unspent 2012-2014 EEU M&E funding, the DPS spent only 45% of those Board-approved amounts. Mr. Wickenden adds that he has not

1. Efficiency Vermont, which is operated by Vermont Energy Investment Corporation (“VEIC”) delivers the EEU’s services throughout most of the state. The City of Burlington Electric Department (“BED”) delivers EEU services in its service territory.

been able to find any document explaining this variance or comparing the Board-approved 2012-2014 EEU evaluation plan with actual DPS-managed 2012-2014 EEU M&E activities.

According to Mr. Wickenden, the Board retains ultimate responsibility for EEU evaluation, and information about the DPS's EEU M&E management would help the Board determine whether the "continued delegation of EEU M&E authority to the DPS is likely to be implemented in a manner consistent with approved plans and budgets."

The Board seeks a response from the DPS to Mr. Wickenden's comments by no later than September 16, 2016. Any other participant may also file a response by the same date. Any such responses shall be filed in this proceeding, which shall remain open until further notice.

SO ORDERED.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 31st day of August, 2016.

<u>s/James Volz</u>	)	
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<u>s/Sarah Hofmann</u>	)	

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

FILED: August 31, 2016

ATTEST: s/Judith C. Whitney
Clerk of the Board

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