

STATE OF VERMONT  
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

EEU-2016-03

2016-2017 Demand Resources Plan Proceeding )

Order entered: 6/17/2016

**ORDER OPENING PROCEEDING AND NOTICE OF WORKSHOP**

**I. INTRODUCTION**

In this Order, the Vermont Public Service Board (“Board”) opens a proceeding pursuant to 30 V.S.A. §§ 209(d) and (e) to develop Demand Resources Plans (“DRPs”) for Vermont’s appointed energy efficiency utilities (“EEUs”). A DRP is a set of year-by-year values for demand-side electricity or natural gas resource-acquisition savings goals, as well as resource-acquisition and development and support services (“DSS”) budgets by calendar year for a twenty-year period, as well as a set of year-by-year savings goals for thermal-energy and process fuels (“TEPF”) by calendar year for a ten-year period.<sup>1</sup> The DRP process will result in a set of long-term assumptions pursuant to which each EEU shall operate.

In EEU-2010-06, the Board conducted the first DRP proceeding, in which budgets, savings goals, and quantifiable performance indicators (“QPI”) were established for Vermont Energy Investment Corporation (“VEIC”)<sup>2</sup> and the City of Burlington Electric Department

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1. The DRP was initially described in our November 24, 2009, Order in Docket No. 7466 (the investigation into the EEU structure) and is more fully described in the Process and Administration of an Energy Efficiency Utility Order of Appointment document (the “P&A Document”). The P&A Document was originally approved by the Board on December 20, 2010, and has subsequently been amended. The current P&A Document can be found at the following link:

<http://psb.vermont.gov/sites/psb/files/orders/2016/February/P%20and%20A%20Document.pdf>

2. VEIC serves as Efficiency Vermont, which provides energy efficiency services throughout the state except for the City of Burlington Electric Department's service territory, under an order of appointment issued by the Board on February 12, 2016, in Docket 8455.

(“BED”)<sup>3</sup> for the 2012-2014 performance period.<sup>4</sup> In EEU-2013-01, the Board conducted the second DRP proceeding, in which budgets, savings goals, and QPIs were established for VEIC and BED for the 2015-2017 performance period.<sup>5</sup> We now initiate the third DRP proceeding that will address budgets, savings goals, and QPIs for the 2018-2020 performance period for VEIC, BED, and Vermont Gas Systems, Inc. (“VGS”).<sup>6</sup>

## II. BACKGROUND

Pursuant to the P&A Document approved by the Board on February 12, 2016, the DRP proceeding shall: (1) be a non-contested case proceeding before the Board involving the EEUs that results in a set of long-term EEU-specific assumptions pursuant to which each EEU shall operate; (2) delineate the budgets, modeled savings, and QPIs for each EEU, including both resource-acquisition and DSS budgets; (3) to the extent possible, include consideration of the effects on overall DRP budgets and QPIs of geographically targeted energy efficiency budgets and services; (4) delineate the compensation structure, if any, of EEUs; (5) delineate budgets for the Vermont Department of Public Service (“Department”) evaluation of EEUs; and (6) delineate budgets for the EEU Fiscal Agent, EEU Fund Audit, Independent Audit of EEU savings claims and program cost-effectiveness, the statewide TEPF Information Clearinghouse, and other items funded by the energy efficiency charge (“EEC”) and TEPF funding sources, as applicable. The DRP proceeding may also include consideration of the potential of cost-effective technologies that increase the use of electricity or natural gas while decreasing overall energy consumption.

The DRPs will be developed through a Board process that will not be a contested case proceeding and that will be guided by the objectives and criteria of 30 V.S.A. § 218c, 209(d), 209(e), 202(a) and other applicable sections of Vermont statutes and prior Board orders. Any

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3. BED serves as an EEU in its service territory, under an Order of Appointment issued by the Board on 4/19/11 in Docket 7466.

4. Information regarding EEU-2010-06 can be found at the following website.  
<http://psb.vermont.gov/docketsandprojects/eeu/drp2010>

5. Information regarding EEU-2013-01 can be found at the following website.  
<http://psb.vermont.gov/docketsandprojects/eeu/drp2013>

6. VGS serves as the natural gas EEU in its service territory, under an Order of Appointment issued by the Board on April 17, 2015, in Docket 7676.


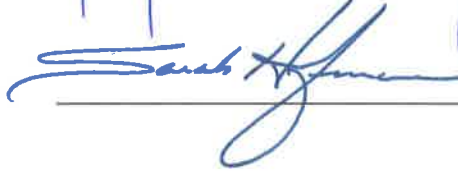
interested party is able to participate in this process. Pursuant to the P&A Document, the Department will provide estimates of economically achievable electric and natural gas efficiency potential. The Department will also propose EEU-specific electric and natural gas resource-acquisition scenarios to be modeled for three- and twenty-year periods. An EEU and any other interested party may also propose electric and natural gas resource-acquisition scenarios to be modeled. The Board will provide an EEU, the Department, Vermont utilities, and other stakeholders an opportunity to submit comments and participate in a workshop prior to adopting a DRP.

### **III. NOTICE OF WORKSHOP AND FILING DEADLINE**

In order to facilitate the establishment of a schedule for this proceeding the Board will conduct a workshop commencing at 9:30 A.M. Thursday, June 30, 2016, in the Board's Hearing Room, Third Floor, People's United Bank Building, 112 State Street, Montpelier, Vermont. The workshop will be recorded by a court reporter. Interested persons are invited to file proposed schedules and agenda items on or before noon on Friday, June 24, 2016.

**SO ORDERED.**

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2016.

  
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**Attachments:** Order Opening Proceeding & Notice of Workshop.pdf

Please see the attached Order Opening Proceeding and Notice of Workshop issued by the Board this date.

Thank you,

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