

STATE OF VERMONT  
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

EEU-2016-03

2016-2017 Demand Resources Plan Proceeding )

Order entered:

8/5/2016

**SCHEDULING ORDER**

**I. INTRODUCTION**

On June 17, 2016, the Vermont Public Service Board (“Board”) initiated this Demand Resources Plan (“DRP”) proceeding to devise a set of long-term assumptions pursuant to which Vermont’s energy efficiency utilities (“EEUs”) shall operate. In this Order, we establish a schedule and designate a lead Board staff member<sup>1</sup> for this proceeding.

**II. PROCEDURAL HISTORY**

On June 17, 2016, the Board issued an Order initiating this proceeding and inviting participants to file proposed schedules and agenda items for a workshop.

On June 24, 2016, the Vermont Department of Public Service (“Department”) filed, on behalf of itself, Vermont Energy Investment Corporation (“VEIC”), Vermont Gas Systems, Inc. (“VGS”), and the City of Burlington Electric Department (“BED”), a proposed workshop agenda and a proposed time line for this DRP proceeding.<sup>2</sup>

On June 30, 2016, the Board convened a workshop at which participants discussed scheduling proposals.

On July 11, 2016, the Department filed a revised schedule that it represented is acceptable to the EEUs.

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1. The term “lead Board staff member” refers to the person we have authorized to conduct proceedings in this matter, to make scheduling decisions as necessary, and to coordinate the Board staff team that is assigned to this proceeding.

2. VEIC, VGS, and BED have each been appointed by the Board to serve as EEUs pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 209(d). VGS and BED provide efficiency services to customers in their respective service territories. VEIC provides electric and unregulated thermal energy and process fuel energy efficiency services to customers outside of BED’s service territory.

No participant filed comments on the July 11 schedule.

### III. DISCUSSION

#### A. Schedule for this Proceeding

The proposed schedule for this proceeding includes five sequential phases. The first four of these phases involve proceedings before the Board and specify filing deadlines, approximate dates for workshops, and target dates for Board orders. The last phase involves the development of Triennial Plans by the EEU's that reflect the decisions made by the Board in the first four phases of this proceeding. The proposed schedule also highlights the opportunities for stakeholder input that are proposed to occur in each phase of the proceeding.

After reviewing the proposed schedule and, in the absence of any comments opposing it, we determine that this schedule is generally reasonable. Accordingly, we hereby establish the following schedule for the remainder of this proceeding:<sup>3</sup>

#### Phase 2 - September and October 2016

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| Sept. 16    | Deadline for: (1) the Department and other stakeholders to file proposed resource-acquisition modeling proposals, including modeling assumptions, quantifiable performance indicator ("QPI") and minimum performance requirement ("MPR") frameworks, optimization targets, and estimated rate and bill impacts; and (2) the Department to file thermal-energy-and-process-fuels ("TEPF") forecast proposal, reflective of forward capacity market ("FCM") and Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative ("RGGI") revenue projections. |
| Sept. 19-23 | Workshop on scenario modeling proposals (including modeling assumptions, QPI/MPR framework recommendations, optimization targets, and estimated rate and bill impacts) and TEPF forecast proposal.   |
| Sept. 30    | Deadline for comments on proposed scenarios and TEPF forecast proposal.  |

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3. Pursuant to the proposed schedule, Phase 1 concludes with the issuance of this Order. Therefore, the schedule we adopt today begins with Phase 2.

- Oct. 28 Target date for Board Order establishing: (1) scenarios for each EEU to model, including modeling input assumptions and QPI/MPR frameworks; and (2) TEPF forecast.

Phase 3 - November 2016 through June 2017

- Nov. 18 Stakeholder development of initial budgets and descriptions, including (1) EEU development and support services (“DSS”); and (2) “EEU Administration” budgets (Department evaluation, statewide information clearinghouse, EEU fiscal agent, EEU fund audit, independent audit of EEU savings claims and program cost-effectiveness).
- Jan. 17 Deadline for Department to file 2016 potential study results with rate and bill impacts.
- Feb. 10 Deadline for EEUs to file first round of modeling results, corresponding initial DSS proposals, and rate and bill impacts.
- Feb. 13-17 Workshop to discuss first round modeling results and DSS proposals.
- Feb. 24 Deadline for comments on first round modeling results and DSS proposals.
- Mar. 10 Deadline for reply comments on first round modeling results and DSS proposals.
- Mar. 24 Deadline for: (1) final resource-acquisition scenario model recommendations, including resource-acquisition budget proposals, modeling assumptions, and QPI and MPR weighting; and (2) recommendations for workshop and comments schedule, if any.
- Apr. 3-7 Workshop (as needed)
- Apr. 14 Deadline for comments (as needed).
- Apr. 21 Deadline for reply comments (as needed).
- May 12 Target date for Board order establishing the resource-acquisition budgets, modeling assumptions, and QPI and MPR weighting for each EEU’s final resource-acquisition scenario model.
- June 9 Deadline for EEUs to file final resource-acquisition scenario model, including QPI super-stretch targets, final DSS proposals, and TEPF modeling results as applicable.
- June 30 Target date for Board order on each EEU’s resource-acquisition and DSS budgets, assumptions, MPRs, QPIs, QPI weighting, and QPI super-stretch targets.

Phase 4 - July through September 2017

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| July 21    | Deadline for: (1) EEU Administration budget proposals; (2) EEU compensation proposals (including as applicable compensation rate, performance award, and operations fee); and (3) final rate and bill impact analysis. |
| July 24-28 | Workshop on EEU Administration budget proposals and EEU compensation.  |
| Aug. 4     | Deadline for comments on EEU Administration budget proposals and EEU compensation.   |
| Aug. 11    | Deadline for reply comments on EEU Administration budget proposals and EEU compensation.   |
| Aug. 25    | Deadline for EEUs, the Department, and other interested people to file final overall EEU budget recommendations, including rate and bill impacts.  |
| Sept. 22   | Target date for Board order establishing total EEU program budgets.  |

Phase 5 - September through November 2017

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| Nov. 1 | Deadline for EEUs to file 2018-2020 Triennial Plans |
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**B. Role of Board Staff in This Proceeding**

A DRP proceeding requires significant Board resources, and aspects of it are quite technical. Therefore, consistent with past practice, we expect most workshops in this proceeding to be conducted by Board staff. We designate Thomas Knauer, Utilities Analyst, as the lead staff in this proceeding. Pursuant to Board Rule 2.215(C), we assign this matter to him for further proceedings. Mr. Knauer is authorized to conduct those workshops that the Board will not attend and to modify the schedule we approve in this Order as may be appropriate over time.

**C. E-mail Service List**

This Order is being circulated to the EEU-2013-01 Demand Resources Plan Proceeding e-mail distribution list as well as the full EEU E-mail Service List. However, this will be the last time these EEU e-mail service lists will be used in this proceeding; any person who is interested in participating in this process should submit an e-mail to the Clerk of the Board (psb.clerk@vermont.gov) by August 31, 2016, to ensure their addition to the newly created

EEU-2016-03 list in time to receive all subsequent filings in this matter. All participants' future filings should be e-mailed only to the distribution list for this proceeding (EEU-2016-03 E-mail Service List).

#### **IV. ORDER**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by the Public Service Board of the State of Vermont that:

1. The schedule for this proceeding shall be as stated in this Order.
2. Thomas Knauer, Utilities Analyst, shall be the lead Board staff for this proceeding with authority pursuant to Board Rule 2.215(C) to conduct workshops and make modifications to the schedule established in this Order as may be appropriate over time.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 5th day of August, 2016.

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Clerk of the Board

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**Attachments:** EEU-2016-03 Scheduling Order.pdf

Enclosed is an Order being issued today by the Public Service Board regarding the above-referenced matter.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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