

Affordable Community Renewable Energy Program

Grantee: Vermont Public Power Supply Authority

Grant Name & Number: ACRE Grant #02240-FY24-Act74G600-024

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Period Covered by Report: 04/01/2025-06/30/2025

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1. Goals & Objectives for the Quarter: Goals and objectives for this quarter included signing final copies of a new grant agreement for ACRE. This task was completed on 06/13/2025. Once a new grant agreement was in place, biweekly teams' meetings resumed to outline remaining steps to move the program forward.

2. Work Accomplished in the Reporting Quarter: With a new grant agreement in place communication with Frontier for the P3 tracking system that will be used to help track memberships across utilities resumed as well. A refresher meeting was scheduled and held with frontier to discuss the workflow and tracking needed to be able to run a successful grant program. The meeting concluded with frontier's next steps being to finalize the work flow and send over pricing to be negotiated and approved and an SOW to be put into place.

Discussions with DCF economic services resumed as well. A draft MOU and membership application is being circulated for the group to give feedback and approve. DCF has agreed to do the income verification portion of the ACRE grant for VPPSA and will be creating and printing the applications that will be utilized for signing participants up for the program.

3. Work/Purchases Scheduled for the Next Reporting Quarter: work being planned for the upcoming quarter includes finalizing and signing an official mou with DCF, approving the application template for printing by DCF. With a 6-week turnaround for application creation by DCF, distribution and advertising of the application is not

scheduled until the end of the quarter or early next quarter. Steps for the administrative process on VPPSA's side for handling and tracking applications will be finalized. Discussions on when to begin the Purchase Power agreements with all the members and discussion on the timeline for filing the tariff will take place. Work to begin on the advertising and customer outreach is set to take place with an outreach and engagement strategy to be finalized.

4. Cost & Performance Status & Metrics:

With an amendment to the proposed budget approved on June 13th, 2025, only minimal program administration fees are recoverable for this quarter, because of this fact, those cost will be included in the next quarters reimbursement request to the state. It should be noted in this report that the newly signed grant agreement has some budget calculation errors on page 3 in which the total of the chart shows a total max grant award total of \$1,522,407.00 when the total grant award listed on page one of the agreement is \$1,522,800.00, this due to the new budget category totals and membership discount rates. There also appears to be a rounding error with the line items for each of the members on the budget chart found on page 3 of the agreement. If you take, for example Barton village and multiple out the membership units' column by the rate/unit cost column, the total project cost column is incorrect for each of the members. The total in the end for the memberships ends up equaling the total that is listed but the individual member line-item amounts are not accurate.

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1. Goals & Objectives for the Quarter: Goals and objectives for this quarter included steps to finalize the application and MOU with DCF. Finalize a contract with frontier for tracking and begin breaking down the next steps that need to be completed coming up.

2. Work Accomplished in the Reporting Quarter: Work accomplished this quarter included an executed MOU agreement with DCF for income verification, an agreed upon application design, and a draft agreement with frontier for a tracking platform. DCF is currently working on the final steps of creating the application that VPPSA will use to sign individuals up for the ACRE program. There was an expected 6-week turnaround time for these applications to be completed. The expected completion date for these applications to be ready is scheduled for the beginning of October, at which time VPPSA will be able to order multiple copies of the application from DCF to distribute to the public when ready. VPPSA intends to order 1,120 copies of the application to start with.

3. Work/Purchases Scheduled for the Next Reporting Quarter: Work scheduled to be completed next quarter includes completion of the power service agreements amongst each member, filing of the tariff with the DPS, and work on the direct marketing plan. With the completion of the contract between frontier and VPPSA expected to be executed in the next quarter frontier will begin work on building the platform that VPPSA will utilize to track program memberships across all VPPSA

utilities. Frontier has given a 6-week turnaround time from the date of an executed SOW and contract payment. A go live date for the tracking system is expected to be issued next quarter as well.

4. Cost & Performance Status & Metrics:

Costs incurred this quarter will be claimed against the personal budget category. A reimbursement request for expenses incurred this quarter has been submitted. Costs incurred next quarter are expected to information technology category costs under the admin budget along with Salary and fringe with a potential to include outreach costs.