




State of Vermont
Public Utility Commission
MEMORANDUM

To: Participants in Case No. 17-3142-PET
From: Anthony Z. Roisman, Chair 
Date: 7/31/2017
Re: Agenda for First Workshop

The Vermont Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) will convene a workshop in this proceeding commencing at 9:30 A.M. on August 8, 2017, at the Capitol Plaza Hotel and Conference Center, 100 State Street, in Montpelier. The Commission has developed a proposed agenda for the workshop including an opportunity to further refine the scope of this proceeding and associated objectives (see Attachment 1).

In order to guide the discussion at the first workshop on the scope of this proceeding, a matrix summarizing the topics identified by the participants in the first round of comments is attached to this memorandum (Attachment 2).¹

The Commission has organized the subjects into four Topic Areas: (1) principles of rate regulation; (2) rate designs; (3) grid impacts; and (4) issues specific to municipal or cooperative utilities.² The Commission has organized the specific subject areas identified by commenters under each of these Topic Areas as subtopics. The Commission proposes that the proceeding commence by focusing on Topic Area 1, and then proceed to consider, either subsequently or simultaneously, the other topic areas.

The Commission looks forward to discussing this framework with participants at the August 8 workshop.

¹ This proposed framework does exclude one suggested topic area. One commenter recommended that the scope of the proceeding be expanded to include the telecommunications industry. Because of the substantial differences in how the telecommunications industry has historically been regulated as compared to the electric and natural gas industries and because of the differences in the way in which the regulatory landscape is changing, the Commission has concluded that this proceeding should remain focused solely on the electric and natural gas industries.

² The Commission recognizes that elements of the latter three topic areas may be relevant to Topic Area 1. As such, the Commission proposes that Topic Area 1 be focused on principles of utility rate regulation and how a utility is compensated for its service. The other topic areas would follow-on to identify the courses of action that could be implemented within the regulatory framework. For example, Topic Area 1 would be the venue to consider whether or how a regulatory structure may be designed to incentivize innovative rate designs and the specific question of what types of rate designs should be encouraged, or how they should be implemented, would be addressed under Topic Area 2.

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