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State of Vermont
Public Utility Commission
MEMORANDUM

To: Participants in Case No. 17-3142-PET
From: Anthony Z. Roisman, Chair *AZR*
Date: August 25, 2017
Re: Agenda for Second Workshop

The Vermont Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) will convene a workshop in this proceeding commencing at 1:30 P.M. on September 12, 2017, in Room 11 of the Vermont Statehouse. The Commission has determined that the second workshop should focus on presentations related to (1) forms of non-traditional regulation used in jurisdictions outside Vermont, including recent proposals in states that are conducting similar regulatory reform proceedings, and (2) variations in the way traditional regulation is practiced in other jurisdictions. The Commission has consulted with the Regulatory Assistance Project, which is willing to provide a presentation on this subject. In addition, it is the Commission’s understanding that Green Mountain Power Corporation (“GMP”) has offered to have Mark Lowry present on this subject. Any other participant who wishes to present on these subjects is invited to contact Commission staff to request such an opportunity. After the conclusion of the presentations, there will be an opportunity to ask questions about the presentations. The overall purpose of the session is intended to be primarily informational. The Commission requests that any participant seeking to present at this workshop file any materials associated with the presentation no later than September 8, 2017.

The Commission has also decided to convene a third workshop on Friday, September 22, at 9:30 a.m. The third workshop will provide a forum to explore the merits and disadvantages of the traditional and alternative regulation approaches discussed at the second workshop. The Commission anticipates that this workshop will primarily be of interest to those interested in the regulation of investor-owned utilities. Any participant interested in presenting at the third workshop should contact Commission staff to request such an opportunity. The Commission will also consider including other topics at this workshop. Any participant who wishes to recommend an additional topic for the third workshop is asked to do so by September 8, 2017.

Given the wide breadth of issues raised by participants, the Commission is not making a final determination on the scope or specific objectives of this proceeding at this time. However, the Commission believes it would be most productive to begin by focusing principally on topics related to Topic Area 1 and, to a lesser extent, Topic Area 2, as identified on the matrix circulated as Attachment 2 to the Commission’s July 31 memorandum in this proceeding.

Finally, the Commission plans to hold further workshops in this proceeding. Possible topics for future workshops would include: issues specific to the public power sector; rate design issues; customer notice and participation with respect to both alternative and traditional regulation; and specific regulatory structure concepts (such as fuel adjustment clauses or decoupling). Participants are also invited to submit recommendations for specific topics for future workshops in this proceeding.

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