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**State of Vermont  
Public Utility Commission**

**MEMORANDUM**

To: Participants in Commission Case Number 18-3810-INV  
From: Elizabeth Schilling, Staff Attorney   
Re: Request for Comment on RES Data Collection and Compliance Spreadsheet  
Date: July 23, 2019

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In an Order issued on June 28, 2016 (the “June 2016 Order”), the Vermont Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) established reporting requirements for electric distribution utilities (“DUs”) who seek to use or retain excess renewable energy credits (“RECs”) and other environmental attributes created or generated in a given year for compliance with the Renewable Energy Standard (“RES”) in one of the following three years, as permitted by 30 V.S.A. § 8004(c).<sup>1</sup>

The June 2016 Order requires DUs to provide documentation in their annual compliance filings on their use and retention of RECs and attributes, including:

- (i) The number of RECs or attributes a DU is banking in the current year.
- (ii) The number of RECs or attributes a DU is using from its bank of RECs in the current year.
- (iii) The number of RECs a DU is retaining in its bank for compliance in future years.
- (iv) For each of the above, the year the RECs or attributes were created.<sup>2</sup>

The June 2016 Order also requires that the documentation be provided in the form of a spreadsheet approved by the Commission after comments from the Vermont Department of Public Service (“Department”).<sup>3</sup>

On June 8, 2018, the Commission approved a RES Banking Spreadsheet in Case Number 17-4632-INV.

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<sup>1</sup> *Investigation re: establishment of the Renewable Energy Standard program*, Docket No. 8550, Order of 6/28/16 at 64-65.

<sup>2</sup> *Id.* at 65.

<sup>3</sup> *Id.*

On April 5, 2019, in Case Number 18-3810-INV, the Department filed a proposed RES Data Collection and Compliance Spreadsheet to use for demonstrating compliance with the foregoing requirements and providing other compliance information. The Department stated that it distributed the spreadsheet to stakeholders and revised it based upon their comments. Once approved, the proposed spreadsheet would presumably replace the RES Banking Spreadsheet approved by the Commission on June 8, 2018, in Case Number 17-4632-INV.

Prior to finalizing and approving the proposed RES Data Collection and Compliance Spreadsheet, the Commission is providing one final opportunity for comment on the spreadsheet. All comments shall be filed by no later than July 31, 2019. Commenters are encouraged to provide their comments electronically via ePUC in this Case Number 18-3810-INV.

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