

STATE OF VERMONT  
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Case No. 19-0855-RULE

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Proposed revisions to Vermont Public Utility Commission Rule 5.100	
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Order entered: 07/01/2021

**NOTICE OF WORKSHOPS AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS**

**I. INTRODUCTION**

In today's Order, the Vermont Public Utility Commission ("Commission") announces three workshops to review potential changes to Rule 5.100, which governs the construction and operation of net-metering systems.

**II. NOTICE OF WORKSHOPS**

*Sheffield Highgate Export Interface Constraint Mitigation Grid Adjustor*

On July 27, 2021, at 9:30 A.M., Commission staff will conduct a workshop to review the Department of Public Service's proposed Sheffield-Highgate Export Interface ("SHEI") Constraint Mitigation Grid Adjustor.<sup>1</sup> Commission staff will conduct a workshop to discuss potential changes to the net-metering rule that would be necessary to implement the Department's proposal, as well as potential broader changes to address the deployment of distributed generation in export-constrained areas. Any stakeholder who would like to make a presentation at the workshop should file a request, including a description of the presentation and an estimate of time needed, at least seven calendar days before the workshop. A more detailed agenda will be published before the start of the workshop.

*Certificate of Public Good ("CPG") Application Process Workshop*

On August 24, 2021, at 9:30 A.M., Commission staff will conduct a workshop to discuss the CPG application process and other administrative issues related to CPGs, including amendments, transfers, and abandonment. The relationship of the CPG application process and

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<sup>1</sup> Documents describing the Department's proposal are available in Case No. 20-3304-PET.

the Rule 5.500 interconnection application process will also be addressed. The Commission is also interested in developing standards to address forest clearing associated with net-metering systems. Any stakeholder who would like to make a presentation at the workshop should file a request, including a description of the presentation and an estimate of time needed, at least seven calendar days before the workshop. A more detailed agenda will be published before the start of the workshop.

### *Net-Metering Compensation*

On September 16, 2021, at 9:30 A.M., Commission staff will conduct a workshop to discuss models for net-metering compensation, including potential alternatives to retail-rate net-metering. This workshop will be held in person.<sup>2</sup> The location for the in-person workshop will be specified in the notice issued immediately before the workshop. Commission staff are also interested in hearing from stakeholders about how the net-metering rule should address the participation of distributed generation in regional wholesale markets, including aggregated distributed generation. Any stakeholder who would like to make a presentation at the workshop should file a request, including a description of the presentation and an estimate of time needed, at least seven calendar days before the workshop. A more detailed agenda will be published before the start of the workshop.

### *Information for Workshop Participants*

The July 27 and August 24 workshops are still planned to be conducted remotely using GoToMeeting.<sup>3</sup> Participants and members of the public may access the workshops online at <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/270003917> or call in using the following information: phone number +1 (571) 317-3129, access code 270-003-917. Participants may wish to download the GoToMeeting software application in advance of the workshop at

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<sup>2</sup> After September 1, 2021, the presumption is that workshops will be held in person. However, any participant could ask the Commission or a hearing officer to change this presumption for a particular event. In addition, in the event of forecasted bad weather, events scheduled to be held in person may be changed to remote, rather than being canceled and rescheduled. For more information about the Commission's work practices, please see the Order dated 6/18/21 in Case No. 20-0789-INV.

<sup>3</sup> While the Commission plans to have "hybrid" online/in person events in the future, the September 16, 2021, workshop will not be available using GoToMeeting because the Commission's hearing room has not yet been equipped to conduct online events.

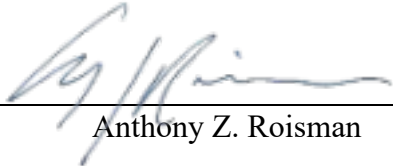
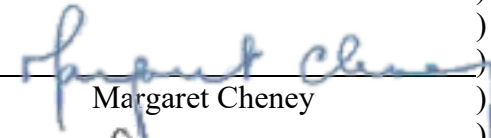
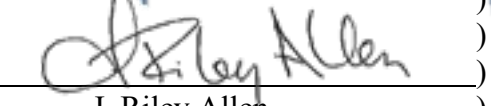
<https://global.gotomeeting.com/install/270003917>. Guidance on how to join the meeting and system requirements may be found at <https://www.gotomeeting.com/meeting/online-meeting-support>.

### **III. ORDER**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

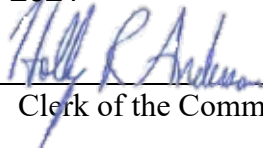
1. Commission staff will hold workshops to discuss potential changes to Vermont Public Utility Commission Rule 5.100 as described above.
2. Requests to make a presentation at a workshop must be filed at least seven calendar days before the workshop. Requests must include a summary of information to be presented and an estimate of time needed. Presentation time will be allotted to participants based on the number of requests and the relevance of the information to be presented.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 1st day of July, 2021.

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Attest:  \_\_\_\_\_  
 Clerk of the Commission

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