



**State of Vermont  
Public Utility Commission  
MEMORANDUM**

To: Participants in Commission Case Number 19-0855-RULE  
From: Jake Marren, Staff Attorney *JM*  
Re: Draft Agenda for September 16, 2021, Workshop and Request for Presentations  
Date: August 26, 2021

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Attached is a draft agenda for the September 16, 2021, Net-Metering Rule workshop regarding compensation for net-metering systems. Participants are reminded that requests to present at the workshop are due by Thursday, September 9, 2021. Due to ongoing risks associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, the Commission has decided that the workshop will be conducted remotely using GoToMeeting. Specific information about how to participate in the workshop will be included in a formal notice of the workshop that will be issued separately.

The purpose of this workshop is to gather information about how net-metering is approached in other jurisdictions and to identify issues that the Commission should consider in this rulemaking. Below is a partial list of potential discussion or presentation topics. Participants are encouraged to raise other issues related to net-metering compensation not discussed below. Depending on the length of presentations and discussion, the Commission may need to schedule a second workshop.

**Potential Discussion/Presentation Topics**

How can the Commission improve the current net-metering compensation structure?

Should the Commission also or instead consider a value of distributed generation tariff, and if so, what values should the Commission include? Other considerations might include how such values would be measured; whether such values should be reset periodically and if so, how often; who would bear the risk of the values changing over time; and whether it is feasible to differentiate values based on time and location of delivery.?

Should the Commission consider rate-design changes to better match net-metering compensation to a utility's avoided costs? Should retail rates be "unbundled" so that costs not avoided by distributed generation are recovered? Should the Commission consider minimum bills or other rate design strategies?

Are there other strategies the Commission could consider related to net-metering compensation?

What steps could the Commission take to ensure that participation in net-metering or similar programs is equitable among socio-economic groups?

## **Net-Metering Compensation Workshop Agenda (DRAFT)**

1. Presentation from Mark LeBel of the Regulatory Assistance Project
  - a. Presentation may include a summary of recent net-metering activities in other jurisdictions and any trends, such as the use of time and locational price signals; steps to reduce the administrative burden of net-metering programs on all stakeholders; and programs that make distributed resources available to all customers regardless of economic status without also increasing electric rates
2. Other presentations (requests to present due September 9)
3. Group discussion

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