



State of Vermont  
**Public Service Board**

MEMORANDUM

To: Parties in PSB Docket No. 7970

From: Judith C. Whitney, Deputy Clerk of the Board *JCW*

Re: Workshop on Intervenor Participation

Date: April 18, 2013

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On April 12, 2013, the Public Service Board ("Board") issued an Order in this docket granting 34 pending motions to intervene in whole or in part. The Board also decided pursuant to PSB Rule 2.209(C) to group many of the intervenors, on a preliminary basis, according to their interests in the case and to require the members of each group to coordinate with respect to discovery, testimony, witness cross-examination and briefing.

The Board is aware that coordination, and the general objective of participating effectively in a complex administrative proceeding that involves many participants, can pose challenges to parties who are unfamiliar with the process and who may not be represented by counsel. One of the landowners who has intervened, Mr. Nathan Palmer, wrote the Board on April 13 to express concerns about process, and there may be other intervenors with questions and concerns as well.

Therefore, the Board has scheduled an informal workshop for intervenors on **Tuesday, April 30, 2013 at 3:30 p.m.**, to be held in the Board's Hearing Room on the Third Floor of the People's United Bank Building at 112 State Street in Montpelier, Vermont.

The workshop will be conducted by Board staff. A court reporter will be present to transcribe the meeting. Although all parties to Docket 7970 are invited to attend and to participate, the primary focus of the workshop will be on assisting the landowner-intervenors with managing their participation in the docket so that it is effective and consistent with the applicable Rules and Board Orders.

Parties are cautioned that Board staff cannot provide legal advice and that staff members are not authorized to make determinations that will bind the Board itself. Thus,

although staff will be present to answer questions and to provide informal assistance on procedural matters, intervenors should not consider this assistance a substitute for obtaining counsel. There will be no opportunities at the workshop to address the substantive issues that will bear upon the Board's ultimate decision in the case.