

STATE OF VERMONT  
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

EEU-2013-01

2013-2014 Demand Resources Plan Proceeding )

Order entered: 6/10/2013

**ORDER OPENING PROCEEDING AND NOTICE OF WORKSHOP**

**I. INTRODUCTION**

In this Order, the Public Service Board ("Board") opens a proceeding pursuant to 30 V.S.A. §§ 209(d) and (e) to develop the second Long-Term Demand Resources Plan ("DRP"). The DRP is a set of year-by-year values for demand-side electricity resource-acquisition savings goals, as well as resource-acquisition and non-resource-acquisition budgets by calendar year for a twenty-year period, as well as a set of year-by-year savings goals for heating-and-process fuels by calendar year for a ten-year period.<sup>1</sup> The DRP process will result in a set of long-term assumptions pursuant to which each EEU shall operate.

In EEU-2010-06, the Board conducted the first DRP proceeding, in which budgets, savings goals, and quantifiable performance indicators were established for the 2012-2014 performance period.<sup>2</sup> We now initiate this proceeding to enable the second completed DRP to be incorporated into various electric utility planning efforts in 2014. Our goal is to complete this

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1. The DRP was initially described in our November 24, 2009, Order in Docket No. 7466 (the investigation into the Energy Efficiency Utility ("EEU") structure) and is more fully described in the Process and Administration of an Energy Efficiency Utility Order of Appointment document (the "Process and Administration" document). The Process and Administration document was approved by the Board on December 20, 2010, and can be found at the following website. <http://psb.vermont.gov/docketsandprojects/eeu/7466/orders>

2. Information regarding EEU-2010-06 can be found at the following website. <http://psb.vermont.gov/docketsandprojects/eeu/drp2010>

proceeding and issue an order setting goals, budgets and performance indicators in May 2014, for the 2015-2017 performance period.<sup>3</sup>

## **II. BACKGROUND**

On June 25, 2010, we issued an Order in Docket No. 7466 requiring, among other things, that the DRP be a statewide plan that identifies separate budgets for each EEU. Pursuant to the Process and Administration document approved by the Board on December 20, 2010, the DRP shall include year-by-year values for statewide demand-side electricity resource-acquisition savings goals and the associated budgets by calendar year for a twenty-year period, and year-by-year values for statewide heating-and-process-fuels savings by calendar year for a ten-year period. Budgets and performance indicators for each EEU shall also be identified in the DRP, along with budgets for the Vermont Department of Public Service ("DPS") evaluation of EEUs. The DRP shall also include, to the extent authorized by the Board, consideration and development of budgets for geographically targeted energy efficiency services, and may include consideration of the potential for both electro- and non-electro-technologies. The DRP proceeding shall also consider the EEUs' compensation structure, including the description of, and budgets and any fees and/or performance indicators for, both resource-acquisition and non-resource-acquisition activities to be performed by an EEU, and the amount of compensation that should be held-back to serve as a performance award, if applicable.

The DRP will be developed through a Board process that will not be a contested case proceeding and that will be guided by the objectives and criteria of 30 V.S.A. § 218c, 209(d), 209(e), 202(a) and other applicable sections of Vermont statutes and prior Board orders. Any interested party is able to participate in this process. The DPS will propose resource-acquisition budgets and savings goals for three- and twenty-year periods, as well as a set of year-by-year savings goals for heating-and-process fuels by calendar year for a ten-year period. An EEU and any other interested party may also propose budgets and goals. The Board will provide an EEU,

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3. Pursuant to the Process and Administration document, the DRP proceeding "[t]o the extent possible, shall be timed to conclude at least seven (7) months before the effective date of the DRP."

the DPS, Vermont utilities and other stakeholders an opportunity to submit comments and participate in a technical workshop prior to adopting a DRP.

**III. NOTICE OF WORKSHOP AND FILING DEADLINE**

In order to facilitate the establishment of a schedule for this proceeding and to discuss lessons learned from EEU-2010-06, the previous DRP proceeding, Board staff will conduct a workshop commencing at 1:30 P.M. on Tuesday, June 18, 2013, at the Statehouse, Room 11, Montpelier, Vermont. The workshop will be recorded by a court reporter. Interested persons are invited to file proposed schedules and agenda items on or before noon on Friday, June 14, 2013.

Scheduling proposals should keep in mind that we are likely to designate a hearing officer for this proceeding, although we anticipate attending at least one workshop at which interested persons would present their proposed budgets and savings goals. One paper copy of scheduling proposals should be filed with the Clerk of the Board, and an electronic copy should be sent to the EEU e-mail service list. Joint scheduling proposals are welcome as well.

**SO ORDERED.**

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 10th day of June, 2013.

<u>s/ James Volz</u>	)	
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<u>s/ David C. Coen</u>	)	BOARD
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<u>s/ John D. Burke</u>	)	

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FILED: June 10, 2013

ATTEST: s/ Susan M. Hudson  
Clerk of the Board

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