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Public Service Department Extends Deadline for Responses to the Request for Input on Vermont's Renewable Electricity Policy and Programs

Montpelier, VT – The Public Service Department (PSD) today announces an extension in the deadline to respond to the Request for Input ("RFI") on the review of Vermont's Renewable Electricity Policy and Programs. On July 5, the PSD issued an RFI to solicit feedback on the process for this review as well as gather initial input about what is important to Vermonters regarding the State's supply of electricity. Responses to the RFI were initially due on **August 5**, however the PSD is extending the deadline to **August 15** to allow the RFI to continue to be circulated to a broad array of stakeholders and offer additional time for them to submit comments.

In addition to extending the deadline, the PSD announces two additional updates related to the RFI process developed in response to feedback received on the process:

- A simplified, one-page overview of the RFI and visual representation of potential timelines for the process is now available on the PSD's website: https://publicservice.vermont.gov/renewable_energy.
- The PSD has established an online form through which responses can be submitted directly on the website as an additional method of submitting comments alongside email and physical mail. This form can be accessed at: https://forms.office.com/g/qjTCnq3ctD

The RFI represents an important first step to implement a core recommendation of the Comprehensive Energy Plan, published in January 2022, and Climate Action Plan, published in December 2021, and seeks to gather input on several key topics related to this effort including: the engagement effort for the process, core decision-making criteria to consider, and initial issues for consideration related to renewable electricity in Vermont. The PSD is particularly interested in feedback related to the engagement effort for the process, which will directly inform plans for additional opportunities for the public to participate in the review of programs and policies.

The RFI and supporting documents can be downloaded from the Public Service Department website at https://publicservice.vermont.gov/renewable-energy.





Please send comments by **August 15** to the PSD via email at <u>PSD-REPrograms@vermont.gov</u>, through the online portal at <u>https://forms.office.com/g/qjTCnq3ctD</u>, or by U.S. Mail addressed to:

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