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AUGUST UPDATE - RENEWABLE ENERGY STANDARD REVIEW

Dear Renewable Energy Stakeholders,

The Clean and Renewable Electricity Team of the Vermont Public Service Department welcomes you to our August newsletter!

This newsletter is a monthly update to share what we're working on and how you can be involved in our ongoing review of Vermont's clean and renewable electricity programs and policies. Please feel free to give any feedback regarding what you'd like to hear about in future editions by emailing PSD.REPrograms@vermont.gov

Ongoing Efforts:

- **Technical Analysis:** In early July, the Department kicked off a technical analysis that will explore impacts of possible modifications to the Renewable Energy Standard. We have been working in partnership with our consultant, Sustainable Energy Advantage, and the [Stakeholder Advisory Group](#) to determine what scenarios should be modeled, considering questions such as "What types of resources should be eligible for meeting the Standard" and "Where should those resources be located?". Are you interested in following along with this work? Here are some ways to be involved:
 - **Stakeholder Advisory Group Meetings:** Non-members of the Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG) are welcome to attend those meetings. Agendas include dedicated time for non-member comments. Meeting information can be requested from PSD.REPrograms@vermont.gov. The next meeting of the SAG is August 31st at 9am.
 - **Meeting Materials:** You can also follow along by reviewing related meeting materials, which we're posting on our [website](#), including presentations, meeting minutes, and [the project workplan](#).
 - **Attend a workshop:** We'll hold at least one public workshop to review and discuss results in early October. Stay tuned for more information!

In The Works

- **Regional Engagement Opportunities** – Interested in participating in discussions about the future of electricity in Vermont? We're partnering with [Vermont's Regional Planning Commissions](#) to hold a series of events on these topics throughout the state. The events will occur between mid-September and early October, depending on their location, and include a variety of different ways to engage in conversations on the topic of renewable and clean electricity policies and programs. Exact dates and times are being finalized and will be released shortly! Stay tuned to <https://publicservice.vermont.gov/renewables> for more information.

Wrapping Up

- **Statewide Polling and Engagement Events:** The Department has been working with consulting firm MassINC Polling Group to conduct a statewide survey and focus groups with Vermonters to better understand their priorities and preferences for renewable electricity. In June and July, we surveyed 700 Vermonters and held 11 focus groups (6 in person, geographically distributed across Vermont, and 5 virtually). We're in the final stages of reviewing what we heard and hope to share some results in our next monthly update.

Related Events

- **ISO New England Consumer Liaison Group Quarterly Meeting:** If you're interested in the Department's review of renewable programs and policies, you might also be interested in the ISO New England Consumer Liaison Group, a forum for the exchange of information between ISO New England and electricity consumers in the region. Their next quarterly meeting will be in Burlington, VT on September 21st from 12pm-3:30pm, with both in-person and hybrid participation opportunities. You can learn more and register at <https://www.iso-ne.com/committees/industry-collaborations/consumer-liaison/>

Thanks for reading and stay tuned for another edition in September!

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