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## **OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT & NOVEMBER UPDATE - RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY POLICY & PROGRAMS REVIEW**

Dear Renewable Energy Stakeholders,

The Clean and Renewable Electricity Team of the Vermont Public Service Department welcomes you to our November newsletter, 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.

### **Engagement Opportunity:**

- ***[Now available!](#) Draft summary of electricity policy & programs review available for public comment until December 20<sup>th</sup>; Workshops December 5<sup>th</sup> at 10am and 6pm:*** The Department is pleased to release a [draft summary](#) of the process it has taken to review Vermont's renewable and clean electricity policies and programs. Released yesterday (November 27<sup>th</sup>), the draft report begins to synthesize learnings from across the public engagement efforts and supporting technical analyses conducted between January and November 2023. It distills five initial takeaways related to the future of electricity in Vermont and offers several reflections on the process taken to engage Vermonters in this effort. The report ([review the full draft report](#), [review the executive summary](#)) will be open for public review through December 20<sup>th</sup> and we want to hear from you! There are multiple ways to weigh in:
  - **Attend a workshop:** We're holding two virtual workshops on December 5<sup>th</sup>, at 10am-12pm ([register to attend](#)) & 6pm-8pm ([register to attend](#)). We hope you'll join us! More information is available at [publicservice.vermont.gov/renewables](https://publicservice.vermont.gov/renewables)
  - **Send us a note:** Feedback can be emailed directly to [PSD.REPrograms@vermont.gov](mailto:PSD.REPrograms@vermont.gov) with the subject "Public Comment – RES Summary"
  - **Fill out the survey:** Feedback can be submitted online through [this webform](#).

### **Wrapping Up:**

- **Technical Analysis:** Through October and November we have worked to refine the results of the technical analysis in partnership with our consultant, Sustainable Energy

Advantage, and the [Stakeholder Advisory Group](#). On November 14<sup>th</sup>, we held our final Stakeholder Advisory Group meeting. A recording of the meeting and the related slides (which capture results of the modeling exercise) are now available online: [view the recording](#), [review results slides from SEA](#), [review the meeting minutes](#).

### **Past Events**

- **Webinar on Statewide Polling and Engagement Events:** On November 8<sup>th</sup>, the Department and MassInc Polling Group held a webinar presentation of the report [Vermont Weighs In – Public Opinion on Renewable Electricity](#) - the final report from the work done to conduct a statewide survey and focus groups with Vermonters. If you missed it, you can review the materials [on our website](#).
- **Regional Event Series:** Say Watt?! Through September and October we partnered with [Vermont's Regional Planning Commissions \(RPCs\)](#) to hold over 20 opportunities to hear from Vermonters on what they think is most important to prioritize when thinking about where our electricity comes from. Summaries from each of the RPCs on what we heard at these events will be posted to [our website](#) by Wednesday November 29<sup>th</sup>.

### **Related Events**

- **Climate Action Office Sessions on the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant:** The Climate Action Office is hosting two sessions aimed at garnering broad public input on what would be most useful as our state applies for Inflation Reduction Act's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant. These sessions are taking place Monday December 11<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday December 12<sup>th</sup>. If you're interested in attending, you can register here:
  - [Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup> 5:30-7:00 pm](#)
  - [Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> 11:30-1:00 pm](#)

Thanks for reading and stay tuned for another edition in December,

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PS Is there anything you'd like to hear about in upcoming editions? Send us your thoughts or submit a question to be answered next month! [PSD.REPrograms@vermont.gov](mailto:PSD.REPrograms@vermont.gov)

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