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OCTOBER 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 October 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

Upcoming Engagement Opportunity:

- **Register now! November 8th 12:00-1:00pm – Webinar on Statewide Polling and Engagement Events:** On October 3rd the Department released [Vermont Weighs In – Public Opinion on Renewable Electricity](#) - the final report from the work done in partnership with MassINC Polling Group to conduct a statewide survey and focus groups with Vermonters. We hope you'll join us on November 8th for a webinar presentation of the results, including an opportunity for questions and answer!
 - [Register to join here](#)
 - [Read the full report](#)
 - [Review the summary slides](#)

In the Works:

- **Public Comment Period & Workshop Coming In November:** As we wrap up the public engagement and technical analyses for this effort, we're beginning to review what we've heard and develop key takeaways. Looking forward, we plan to release a draft summary of our lessons learned for public review in mid-November. The public comment period will help us refine core takeaways that will inform recommendations to the legislature.

We expect there to be multiple ways to weigh in during this period, including written comments and an interactive workshop in late November or early December. Stay tuned for more information!

Ongoing Efforts:

- **Technical Analysis – Final Results Coming Early November:** We are busy refining the draft results of the technical analysis in partnership with our consultant, Sustainable Energy Advantage, and the [Stakeholder Advisory Group](#).
 - On October 10th, we hosted a workshop to review draft results and answer questions. A recording of the event and the related slides are now available online ([view the recording](#), review [draft results slides from SEA](#) and [introductory slides from the Department](#)).
 - On October 17th, we met with the Stakeholder Advisory Group to dive deeper into the draft results. Slides from that meeting are [available for review here](#).
 - Comments on the draft results due October 25th! In addition to feedback heard through these two meetings, we're accepting comments on the draft results until October 25th. Comments can be submitted via email to PSD.REPrograms@vermont.gov or via [this webform](#).

Wrapping Up

- **Regional Engagement Opportunities:** Say Watt?! Through September and October we partnered with [Vermont's Regional Planning Commissions \(RPC\)](#) to hold over 20 opportunities to hear from Vermonter's on what they think is most important to prioritize when thinking about where our electricity comes from. We're currently working with the RPCs to refine summaries of the events held and key learnings, which we plan to share publicly in November. Thanks to those who joined us at one of these events!

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

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