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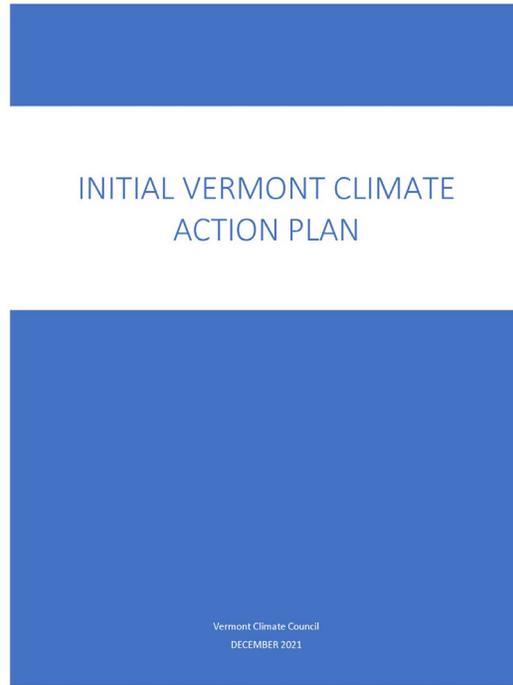
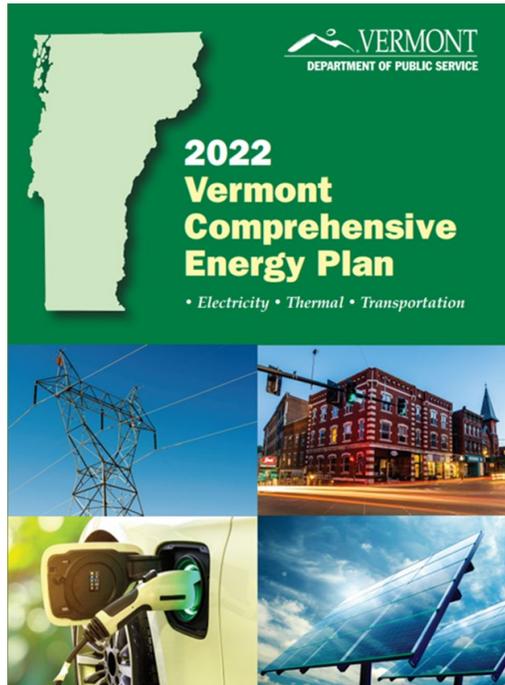
The **Vermont Public Service Department (Department)** is an agency within the executive branch of Vermont state government.

The Department represents the public interest in matters regarding energy, telecommunications, water and wastewater.

Sustainable Energy Advantage (SEA) is a national leader in development, analysis and implementation of clean energy policies and markets.

SEA has a particular focus on and unparalleled expertise in the clean energy policies, markets, and technologies deployed throughout the Northeast U.S.

Context



Comprehensive Energy Plan:

“Consider adjustments to the Renewable Energy Standard and complementary renewable energy programs comprehensively, **through a transparent and open process**. . . The Considerations should include:

- Consideration of a low-carbon or carbon-free standard, in addition to a 100% renewable energy standard
- Consideration of a cohesive set of programs to support the standard” (p.270)

Climate Action Plan:

Electric Sector Strategy 1 Pathway 1: “Vermont should develop 100% carbon free or renewable electric portfolio standard to ensure progress continues into the 2030s and beyond while being mindful of the economic impact on cost-burdened Vermonters and maintaining the cost-effectiveness of fuel-switching to electric measures.” (p.111)

Engagement

This technical analysis is part of a broader effort by the Public Service Department **to review our current state electricity policies and programs**, as recommended by the state Comprehensive Energy Plan and Climate Action Plan.



Just Released – *Vermont Weighs In*

Key learnings from a statewide survey of 700 Vermonters & 11 follow-up focus groups on:

- Priorities when thinking about where electricity comes from
- Preferences for sources of electricity
- Awareness of current policies & electricity portfolio

Available from

<https://publicservice.vermont.gov/renewables>



Regional Engagement Opportunities



SAY WATT?

LET'S TALK ABOUT WHERE VERMONT'S ELECTRICITY COMES FROM

The Public Service Department and your local Regional Planning Commission have teamed up to ensure your voice is heard as critical energy policies are updated.

Help us determine the future of electricity in Vermont!

We are asking Vermonters:

1. What are your priorities when thinking about where our electricity comes from?
2. How can our policies and programs better support those priorities?

Join an event near you!

VERMONT

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In partnership with Regional Planning Commissions have been holding events across Vermont since early September.

These events have asked Vermonters:

- *What are your priorities when thinking about where our electricity comes from?*
- *How can our policies and programs better support those priorities?*

Summaries will likely be available in mid/late November.

Learn more at

<https://publicservice.vermont.gov/regional-events>

Technical Analysis – Process

- **June 2023:** Public nomination for Stakeholder Advisory Group members who could reasonably represent perspectives from industry, environmental advocates, state agencies, community leadership, and historically underrepresented customer populations
- **July:** Technical analysis kick-off
- **July – September:** Four Stakeholder Advisory Group meetings (open to the public) with multiple between meeting surveys to discuss priorities and select modeling scenarios
- **October:** Draft results review (including today's presentation)
- **November:** Final results

Tell us about yourself!

One of the goals the Department has for the process to review our renewable electricity programs and policies is to engage with a broader array of Vermonters than we have historically reached with our events.

As part of this effort, we have a few questions here to help us better understand who is in the audience today and the perspectives you're bringing to the table.

Answering these questions in voluntary! Please answer as many or as few as you feel comfortable.

All responses will be anonymous.

We'll use the data collected here:

- Internally to help inform our outreach efforts moving forward
- In our reports on this process, to be transparent about who we did (and didn't) hear from to offer context for our recommendations



Next Steps

What's next?

Next Meeting of the Stakeholder Advisory Group

- Tuesday October 17, 1:00pm-3:00pm
- Email PSD.REPrograms@vermont.gov to request meeting details

Accepting Additional Comments on Draft Results until October 25th

- Email comments directly to PSD.REPrograms@vermont.gov
- Use the webform – will be live October 11th on <https://publicservice.vermont.gov/renewables>

Final Modeling Results

- Expected Early November

Mid-November Workshop

- Date, time, & draft agenda to be released shortly
- Will cover the final results of the technical analysis and aspects of the other public engagement efforts and offer space to review what we've learned and discuss what that means for next steps in electricity policies & programs

Stay in the loop at: <https://publicservice.vermont.gov/renewables>

Thank you!

Questions or comments about next steps in the process to review renewable electricity policies and programs? Email PSD.REPrograms@vermont.gov.

Interested in sharing feedback on today's event?



Take our short feedback survey



Join our stakeholder list