



# Comprehensive Energy Plan

Initial Stakeholders Meetings:  
Energy Supply and Renewable Energy  
Energy Efficiency

# Welcome!

## DPS Staff on the CEP Team:

- Liz Miller, Commissioner
- Dave Lamont, Planning Director
- Kelly Launder, Assistant Planning Director
- Andy Perchlik, Executive Director of the CEDF
- T.J. Poor, Energy Efficiency Specialist
- Ed Delhagen, Facilitator and Energy Programs Specialist
- George Nagle, Utility Planner
- Karin McNeill, Energy Grants Specialist



## Agency & Department Partners:

- Agency of Natural Resources, including DEC
- Agency of Transportation
- Agency of Agriculture
- Agency of Commerce and Community Development
- Agency of Human Services
- Department of Buildings and General Services



# Community and Business Partners:

- All of you!
  - Utilities
  - Energy Services Companies and Consultants
  - Public Interest Organizations and Community Groups
  - Business Community
  - Town Energy Committees
- Purpose:
  - ... To obtain feedback on our planning process and goals.



## Format for the meetings:

- Brief presentation by our staff to set the framework
- Opportunity for break out groups to discuss our planning process and goals
- Facilitated group discussion to provide feedback

... Help us set the path for Vermont's energy future.



# Today is just the beginning

- Plans for future engagement:
  - Kick-off meetings today and 4/7/11
  - Web-based comment opportunity
  - Public Hearings Summer 2011 – new draft CEP
- Goal: October 15, 2011 Final Recommended CEP



# Comprehensive Energy Plan: What is it?

- Title 30, Section 202b – the CEP must include:
  - (1) A **comprehensive analysis and projections** regarding the **use, cost, supply and environmental effects of all forms of energy resources** used within Vermont.
  - (2) **Recommendations** for state implementation actions, regulation, legislation, and other public and private action to carry out the comprehensive energy plan.
- Title 30, Section 202 – Also our updated Electric Plan



# Why do we create a CEP?

- Title 30, Section 202a:
  - To assure, to the greatest extent practicable, that Vermont can meet its energy service needs in a manner that is **adequate, reliable, secure and sustainable**; that assures **affordability** and encourages the state's **economic vitality**, the **efficient use** of energy resources and cost effective demand side management; and that is **environmentally sound**.
- Recommendations based upon all state law on the subject: e.g., GHG reduction goals, SPEED goals, Standard Offer





## What the CEP does not do:

- Prescribe outcomes on specific pending projects
- Analyze relicensing of Vermont Yankee

# Overarching Goals of CEP:

1. Address All Energy Sectors
2. Strive for lower GHG footprint, toward state law targets
3. At a cost that keeps Vermont regionally competitive

## Use of Stakeholder Draft:

- DPS has not adopted a CEP since 1998; Electric Plan adopted in 2005.
- 2008 CEP process did produce a draft.
- Staff attempted to include in that draft all of the details required by statute in a CEP.
- Staff has worked on updates, including recently.
- Updated Engagement Draft is a starting point.
- We are seeking input on use and format.

## Overlap with other state activities:

- Legislature: new statutory mandates and public engagement process
- Climate initiatives – Cabinet-level action and interagency committees such as Climate Neutral Working Group
- State Agency Energy Plan
- Vtrans planning
- Agency of Agricultural energy initiatives
- ACCD – green energy jobs initiatives

## Utilizing other initiatives & plans:

- Many examples of detailed, important work elsewhere in VT
- Currently engaging in process of inventory and review
- Need to recognize and utilize expertise outside of state government



Thank You For Coming ...

