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 …