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## **SEPTEMBER 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 September 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](mailto:PSD.REPrograms@vermont.gov)

### **Ongoing Efforts:**

- **Regional Engagement Opportunities:** Say Watt?! Interested in participating in discussions about the future of electricity in Vermont? We've been partnering with [Vermont's Regional Planning Commissions](#) to hold a series of events through September and early October to engage with Vermonter's on what they think is most important to prioritize when thinking about where our electricity comes from. Over the next two weeks there are engagement opportunities in ***Bethel (9/26), Middlebury (9/26), Rockingham (9/26), Wilmington (9/27), Windsor (9/28), Stowe (9/28), Rutland City (9/30), Central Vermont (10/4-10/6) and Virtually (10/4 & 10/11)***! Learn more and register (where requested) at <https://publicservice.vermont.gov/regional-events>. We hope you'll join us!
- **Technical Analysis – October 10<sup>th</sup> Workshop:** We continue to work in partnership with our consultant, Sustainable Energy Advantage, and the [Stakeholder Advisory Group](#) to explore impacts of possible modifications to the Renewable Energy Standard. If you are

interested in engaging in this work, we're holding a technical workshop on **Tuesday October 10<sup>th</sup>, from 12pm-3pm** to discuss draft results from the modeling. This workshop will be held virtually, meeting details and an agenda will be available [on our website](#).

- Who should attend? The October 10<sup>th</sup> workshop is geared towards technical stakeholders who are interested in getting deep into the weeds on modeling outputs, data sets, and scenarios related to the draft results. We expect to hold another workshop in mid-November for a more general audience to discuss the final modeling results alongside other aspects of this public engagement effort. The November workshop will also offer an opportunity to begin considering possible recommendations for future policies and programs. More details to come!
- Supporting Materials: In advance of the October 10<sup>th</sup> workshop, you can follow along by reviewing Stakeholder Advisory Group meeting materials, which we're posting on our [website](#), including presentations and minutes.

### **Wrapping Up**

- **Statewide Polling and Engagement Events:** The Department is excited to release the final report from the work done in partnership with MassINC Polling Group to conduct a statewide survey and focus groups with Vermonters! We expect this report should be public no later than the first week of October and will be made available on <https://publicservice.vermont.gov/renewables>. Stay tuned for a press release and link to the report and core learnings to be shared shortly.

Thanks for reading and stay tuned for another edition in October!

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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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