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Good evening.

My name is TJ poor.

I'm the director of planning at the Public service department.

We're we're here.

This is a public hearing for the Northwest Regional Planning Commission's request for a determination of energy compliance pursuant to 24 VSA 4352.

With me tonight, our staff from the Public service department and from the Northwest Regional Planning Commission.

This public hearing is in a hybrid form.

We don't have anybody here in person or on or on the line tonight.

So we are just opening the hearing here.

And going to, I'm going to talk a little bit about Act 174, really briefly, if anybody shows up, we will have.

A presentation by the Northwest Regional Planning Commission about their energy plan.

If not, that presentation will be available online after the hearing.

So just a little context for why we do a public hearing and the public hearing itself to act 174 back in 2016 created a energy planning process in Vermont for regional planning commissions pursuant to the process, a Regional Planning Commission has the option of.

Submitting its duly adopted plan to the Department of Public Service for an affirmative determination of compliance.

With the statutory standards of 24 VSA 4352, when a regional plan has received an affirmative compliance determination, the public utility Commission is required to afford substantial difference in section 248, citing PRECEDINGS to the land conservation measures and specific policies contained in such.

A plan when reviewing any proposed electric generation facility in the region covered by the plan.

In 2017.

Committed a request for and received an affirmative compliance determination. Since then, they adopted a new regional plan and developed a new enhanced energy plan amendment recently submitted the plan and the amendment for an affirmative determination compliance with the statutory standards.

This hearing was set up to gather input from the public regarding Northwest Regional Planning Commission's current request for a determination from the public service department that the regional plan and enhance energy plan amendment.

Complies with the energy planning requirements that are set forth in statute.

Ultimately, if the department finds that the plan and amendment comply, the land Conservation Member measures and specific policies contained in the plan will receive substantial deference during those public utility Commission, citing reviews of any electric generation facility within nrpc service area.

As I said earlier.

Catherine Dimitri, executive director of Nrpc.

Available here tonight along with Em, Emily Croft, Regional Planner, to discuss the plan.

There are no members of the public here, and So what we will do is post the presentation online and.

I believe nrpc, if I can say so, will be available to answer questions about the plan.

And so.

With that, because there are.

Are no public here.

Leave you the opportunity to say anything if you like, Kevin.

Really briefly or we can just shraya will just add. Thanks to our staff.

Emily Clpton, Marlana Valenta for their hard work on this plan.

And we are always available to answer questions and take additional comment and feedback because the plan is a living document and we hope to amend it as needed to address people's concerns and ideas.

Great. Thank you.

With that, I think we can adjourn the public meeting for tonight. Thank you.

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