

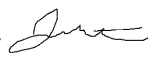
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**State of Vermont
Public Utility Commission**

MEMORANDUM

To: Participants in PUC Case Number 21-3883-RULE
From: Joan White, Hearing Officer 
Re: Draft agenda for workshops to be held on January 13, 2022, and January 20, 2022
Date: January 5, 2022

Below are draft agendas for two workshops to be held on January 13 and 20, 2022, on the Commission's Storage Rule. Each workshop will be a half day and will cover separate topics. Workshop 1 on January 13 will focus on siting, while Workshop 2 on January 20 will focus on aggregation and technical issues. Below is a list of potential discussion topics for each workshop. If participants wish to raise additional issues, please file proposed topics by January 10, 2022.

Workshop 1 (January 13, 9:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m.): Simplified Siting Process

1. Interconnection¹
2. The Department's proposal
3. Appropriate size categories, including duration (e.g. 1 MW/4 MWh)
4. Systems under 100kW
5. Codes and standards
6. Decommissioning

Workshop 2 (January 20, 9:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m.): Aggregation and Technical Issues

1. Aggregation
2. Communications and telemetry
3. System optimization and utility visibility and control
4. Distribution system planning and geotargeting
5. Consistency with the CEP and 30 V.S.A. § 248 (b)(10)

¹ The draft interconnection rule in Case No. 19-0856-RULE, released in December of 2021, addresses storage. The Commission expects to handle interconnection requirements for all resources, including storage, in Rule 5.500. However, the Commission received several comments and recommendations on interconnection specific to this proceeding. As a result, it is being included as an agenda item for the January 13 workshop because system stability and reliability are relevant to Section 248 siting cases.

6. Carbon intensity
7. Equity and access

The Commission acknowledges that the agendas for both workshops are ambitious. The Commission has reviewed all the written comments filed by the participants, so participants should be prepared to discuss each agenda item without simply restating what was included in their written comments. In the event the Commission is unable to address all of the topics in each workshop, it may prove necessary to schedule a third workshop to address any remaining topics.

Due to ongoing risks associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, the Commission has decided that the workshops will be conducted remotely using GoToMeeting. Specific information about how to participate in the workshop was included in a formal notice of the workshops that was issued separately in this case.

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