

Workshops on Net Metering  
pursuant to Act 99 of 2013 adjourned session  
Proposal for next steps  
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Ownership of environmental attributes is my major interest in these workshops and in the development of the rule on net metering.

An essential aspect of any workshop covering ownership of environmental attributes is how that ownership can advance both an individual's personal goals for greenhouse gas emissions, being carbon free, nuclear free, net zero energy while at the same time advancing the overall State goals.

I propose that the workshops include substantial time on the ownership of the environmental attributes. This is in Sec. 4 of Act 99 in § 8010 (c) (2) (G). Given the number of people at the first workshop on November 5, 2014, I suggest that substantial time might be four hours. This workshop might be combined with related topics, which will increase the time to be devoted to this workshop. If the topic is not combined with others in one workshop, then the ownership of environmental attributes is an important component to be considered when the related topics are covered. This topic of ownership of net metering systems interacts with:

- § 8010 (c) (2) (B) the transfer of certificates of good. Who will own the attributes of electricity that is generated following the transfer of a certificate of public good? Will the rule cover this?
- § 8010 (c) (2) (E) the formation of group net metering systems. Should the rule indicate distribution of ownership within the group or should that be left to the discretion of the group?
- § 8010 (c) (2) (F) the amount of the credit to the customer for net-metered generation. Should that amount differ depending on ownership of the environmental attributes?
- the State's greenhouse gas reduction goals. How will the proposed rule help individuals and the State to achieve or exceed the goals?
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- the State's comprehensive energy plan. How will the proposed rule help individuals and the State achieve or exceed the goals of the plan?

Some personal background.

I am a net metered customer of Green Mountain Power in Montpelier. I testified on ownership of environmental attributes before the House Committee on Natural Resources and Energy and the Senate Committee on Finance on the bill that became Act 99. Over the years, as an individual, I have testified and commented on other bills and State plans relating to energy and greenhouse gas emissions.