

CENTRAL VERMONT PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATION  
VOLUNTARY RENEWABLE SERVICE RIDER

AVAILABLE: Throughout the Company's service area to Customers taking service from the Company under any rate schedule, except Rate 6 and Rate 7.

APPLICABLE: This rider is applicable to Customers who voluntarily desire to purchase certain environmental attributes, known as Renewable Energy Certificates, from qualifying renewable energy sources, including participating farm-producers located within the Company's service area. Customers who receive service under this rider continue to be subject to the rates, terms and conditions of the rate schedule under which the Customer is currently served, as well as the general rules and regulations contained in the Company's tariff.

VOLUNTARY RENEWABLE

SERVICE: For each kWh of service requested by a Customer under this rider, the Company shall, in the following sequence, either:

- 1) acquire and retire a tradable Renewable Energy Certificate issued by the NEPOOL Generation Information System associated with a farm-producer that is located within the Company's service area, or
- 2) acquire and retire a tradable Renewable Energy Certificate issued by the NEPOOL Generation Information System associated with a Qualifying Renewable Energy Source, or
- 3) if Renewable Energy Certificates are not sufficiently available from farm-producers or Qualifying Renewable Energy Sources, or if acquisition of Renewable Energy Certificates are required from the NEPOOL Generation Information System marketplace and the market price of the Renewable Energy Certificates exceeds four (4) cents per kWh, then the Company shall make any residual payment to the CVPS Renewable Development Fund.

A Customer may purchase 100%, 50% or 25% of its service subject to the terms and conditions of this rider.

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A farm-producer shall be defined as an electrical generating facility that:

- 1) is located within the Company's service area on a premise principally engaged in the business of farming as defined in Regulation 1.175-3 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and
- 2) utilizes the anaerobic digestion of agricultural products, byproducts or wastes to produce electricity, and
- 3) has an existing contractual relationship with the Company that establishes compensation for and dispensation of the Renewable Energy Certificates associated with the farm-producer generating facility.

A Qualifying Renewable Energy Source shall be defined as an electrical generating facility that:

- 1) has received a Statement of Qualification from the Massachusetts Division of Energy Resources certifying that the generating facility meets the requirements of eligibility as a New Renewable Generation Unit, or
- 2) has been approved by the Connecticut Department of Public Utility Control as a qualified Class I Renewable Portfolio Standards Generator.

The CVPS Renewable Development Fund is a fund administered by the Company for use to encourage the development of new renewable generating projects that utilize the anaerobic digestion of agricultural products, byproducts or wastes to produce electricity by farm-producers located within the CVPS service area. Fund activities include: (a) providing grants, loans and other production incentives to support project development, operations and interconnection to the Company's electric system; (b) supporting efforts to commercialize renewable production technologies by farm-producers; (c) demonstrating and commercializing new clean and renewable technologies for the production of electricity that utilizes the anaerobic digestion of agricultural products,

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byproducts or waste; (d) educating potential farm-producers on energy technology and development; and

(e) overcoming market barriers that prevent farm-producers from developing new renewable generating projects. All payments made to the CVPS Renewable Development Fund shall be placed in a secure interest bearing account and all interest earned and accrued on the fund, net of taxes, will be reinvested in the fund and used solely for fund purposes.

The actual electricity delivered by the Company under this rate will be indistinguishable from the electricity otherwise supplied by the Company because it is impossible to track the flow of electricity on the regional electric power grid. This is unavoidable because all Customers are served through the same transmission and distribution system. Instead Voluntary Renewable Service is designed to assure that Customer charges for qualifying tradable Renewable Energy Certificates go to pay for such certificates from qualifying renewable sources and farm-producers or are made to the CVPS Renewable Development Fund in accordance with the terms and conditions of this rider.

BASE RATE: 4 cents per kWh

ADDITIONAL SERVICE

- CONDITIONS:
- 1) The Company reserves the right to require contracts with up to three-year terms for customers whose kWh usage has previously exceeded 30,000 kWh in any given month.
  - 2) The Company reserves the right to deny service or terminate service under this rider to Customers in arrears with the Company.
  - 3) Customers taking service under this rider shall not be eligible for the Company's Budget Billing Plan.
  - 4) Central Vermont's purchase or sale of tradable Renewable Energy Certificates shall be made on reasonable commercial terms pursuant to the Company's purchasing guidelines which shall be filed with the Public Service Board from time to time. Except in connection with the purchase of Renewable Energy Certificates from participating farm-producers, Renewable Energy Certificate

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purchases or sales shall be made in blocks of commercially available units as become available to CVPS from time to time.

To the extent that Renewable Energy Certificates are not available in the exact quantities necessary to meet the specific certificate requirements of Customers participating in the CVPS Voluntary Renewable Service during any Trading Period as defined in the NEPOOL Generation Information System Operating Rules from time to time, Central Vermont may defer the acquisition or sale of conforming Renewable Energy Certificates until the next such Trading Period.

- 5) The Company's purchase of Renewable Energy Certificates made to meet the requirements of Voluntary Renewable Service shall be in addition to the Company's reliance on renewable sources of energy beyond those that CVPS otherwise be required to provide under 30 V.S.A. §218c.

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