

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Docket No. 6181

Investigation into the Use of a Net Metering)
System for the Purchase and Sale of Electricity)
from Small Electrical Generating Systems to)
and from Electric Companies)

Order entered: 1/20/99

PREHEARING CONFERENCE MEMORANDUM
AND NOTICE OF TECHNICAL WORKSHOP

BACKGROUND

On January 5, 1999, a prehearing conference was convened in this proceeding. Appearances were entered by: Aaron Adler, Esq., for the Vermont Department of Public Service ("Department"); Carole C. Obuchowski and Jeffrey P. Trout, Esq., for Green Mountain Power Corporation; Matthew Rubin, for the Vermont Independent Power Producers Association; Leigh Seddon, for Solar Works, Inc.; Victoria Brown, Esq. and Martin K. Miller, Esq., for Citizens Utilities Company; M. Jerome Diamond, Esq., and Avram Patt, for Washington Electric Cooperative, Inc.; and Mary C. Marzec, for Central Vermont Public Service Corporation. The following party representing a Vermont retail utility, while present at the conference, has not yet filed a formal Notice of Appearance with the Vermont Public Service Board ("Board"): Thomas Pierce, for Rochester Electric Company. Present at the conference and requesting party status were: David Blittersdorf, for NRG Systems, Inc., and the American Wind Energy Association. The requests for party status were unopposed and, therefore, conditionally granted, based upon the subsequent filing of a formal Notice of Appearance by the respective parties.

At the request of one of the participants, I have attached a copy of the Board's decision in Docket No. 5026, Petition of White Oak Water Power Regarding the Assignment of Decremental Positions by Lottery, and Docket No. 5269, DPS Request to Suspend 6/1/88 G.O. 65 Rate Reduction for Certain Small Power Producers, December 6, 1990. These dockets deal with various interconnection and insurance issues which may be relevant to the present investigation.

SCHEDULE

None of the prehearing conference participants sought evidentiary hearings in this matter. Instead, the participants agreed to a schedule whereby the Parties will submit drafts of an interim Board Order to the Board by January 21, 1999. Any comments or suggestions regarding these Proposals for Decision will then be submitted to the Board by January 28, 1999.

NOTICE OF TECHNICAL WORKSHOP

A Technical Workshop will be held, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. §§ 8 and 10, on Friday, February 5, 1999, commencing at 9:30 A.M., at the Public Service Board Hearing Room, Third Floor, Chittenden Bank Building, 112 State Street, Montpelier, Vermont, to facilitate the development of a draft interim Board Order that is acceptable to all parties.

SO ORDERED.

DATED at Montpelier, Vermont, this 20th day of January, 1999.

s/ peter meyer

Peter Meyer
Hearing Officer

s/ gregg c. faber

Gregg C. Faber
Hearing Officer

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

FILED: January 20, 1999

ATTEST: s/ susan m. hudson
Clerk of the Board

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