Agenda
Joint Executive & Finance Committee
Wednesday, May 1, 2019 – 5:45 p.m.
Small Conference Room, CCRPC Offices
110 West Canal Street, Suite 202, Winooski, VT

1. Changes to the Agenda, Members’ Items

2. Approval of April 3, 2019 Executive Committee Minutes* (Action)

3. Approval of March 27, 2019 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes* (Action)


   a. Balance Sheet, Income Statement
   b. Cash position/Targets

6. Review Draft FY19 UPWP and Budget* (Action)

7. Act 250 & Section 248 Applications
   a. Section 248: Underhill GLC Solar, Beartown Road (#19-1000-NMP)* (Action)
   b. Comments on PUC Rulemaking on Net Metering (#19-0855-RULE)* (Action)

8. Policy Engagement Decision Process (Discussion)

9. Chair/Executive Director Report (Discussion)
   a. Legislative Update
   b. Annual Meeting

10. CCRPC May 15, 2019 Agenda review (Discussion)

11. Other Business (Discussion)

12. Executive Session – none anticipated (Action)

13. Adjournment (Action)

*Attachments

NEXT MEETING – Executive Committee – Wed. June 5, 2019; 5:45 p.m.

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DATE: Wednesday, April 3, 2019
TIME: 5:45 p.m.
PLACE: CCRPC Offices, 110 W. Canal Street, Suite 202; Winooski, VT 05404
PRESENT: Chris Roy, Chair
John Zicconi, Secretary-Treasurer
Catherine McMains, At-Large
Mike O’Brien, Vice-Chair
Barbara Elliott, At-Large
Andy Montroll, Immediate Past-Chair
Staff: Charlie Baker, Executive Director
Regina Mahony, Planning Program Manager
Forest Cohen, Senior Business Manager
Amy Irvin Witham, Business Office Associate

The meeting was called to order at 5:47 p.m. by the Chair, Chris Roy.

1. Changes to the Agenda/Members’ Items. There were none.

2. Approval of March 20, 2019 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes. CATHERINE MCMAINS MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY BARBARA ELLIOTT, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED WITH JOHN ZICCONI ABSTAINING.

3. Act 250 & Section 248 Applications.
   a. Snyder Shelburne Properties, LLC (Fairway at Spear); Shelburne; #4C1318. Regina noted that is a project located near the golf course and has been in the works for a while. It is in the Suburban planning area and meets criterion 9(L). BARBARA ELLIOTT MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY ANDY MONTROLL TO APPROVE THE LETTER TO THE ACT 250 DISTRICT #4 COORDINATOR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
   b. O’Brien Brothers Northside Neighborhood - Colchester #4C1319. This project is off Route 7 north of Exit 17. It’s a conceptual plan and they are just asking for review under Criterion 9(B), Ag soils. Our letter notes it’s in the Metro planning area, but we reserve further comment until it comes for a full review. (Mike O’Brien noted that he is not related to them.) BARARA ELLIOTT MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY ANDY MONTROLL TO APPROVE THE LETTER TO THE ACT 250 DISTRICT #4 COORDINATOR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
   c. Section 248 Advance Notice; Jericho Landfill Solar, 1.65 MW; Jericho. Catherine McMains recused herself from discussion/action on this project. Regina noted that we saw this application about a year ago. CCRPC highly supports projects on previously developed sites like this parcel, which is a former landfill. JOHN ZICCONI MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY ANDY MONTROLL, TO APPROVE THE LETTER TO ENCORE RENEWABLE ENERGY. MOTION CARRIED, WITH CATHERINE ABSTAINING.

4. Charge to Board Development Committee to develop slate of officers for FY20. Charlie noted that the bylaws require that the Board Development Committee report on a slate of officers a month before the June Annual Meeting. After reviewing the bylaws, it was noted that members can serve in any one office for up to four years, but they are elected annually. Andy Montroll, as chair of the Board Development Committee, asked Executive Committee members to let him know if they wish to continue in their current positions. John Zicconi and Barbara Elliott would like to continue. Chris Roy is stepping down as chair and will become immediate past chair.
5. **FY20 UPWP and Budget** – recommend board warn public hearing for May. Members received a draft UPWP in the meeting packet, which includes the UVM project for commuter bus ridership pilot program. There have been some minor changes since that draft - we added the deliverables required by the Transportation Planning Initiative (TPI) which is a program VTrans has with each of the 11 RPCs, and an additional $10,000 Carryover for CarShare. When asked, it was noted that the $10,000 for UVM was taken from the Technical Assistance task, so the consultant budget didn’t change. Charlie said we are asking the Executive Committee to recommend the board warn the public hearing for the May meeting and that we allow the staff to make additional administrative changes for the final draft. We are still waiting for deliverables on our ACCD funded projects. MIKE O’BRIEN MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY BARBARA ELLIOTT, TO RECOMMEND THE BOARD WARN A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE UPWP AND BUDGET FOR OUR MAY MEETING, AND INCLUDE ANY MINOR CHANGES STAFF DEEMS NECESSARY. Charlie then reviewed the budget. On the income side there is just one yellow item for the Bolton CDBG grant which is pending. We should hear by the end of April. Staff has worked the budget to get to a $29 positive balance. There is still a question on the depreciation line as we still negotiating our lease and are asking for some renovations, and this would necessitate furniture purchases. When asked how we were able to get to a $29 surplus vs. last year’s projected $100,000 deficit, Charlie said we used an 80 % indirect rate, which VTrans just approved. There will a savings in salaries with Bernie’s retirement, Lee’s position and Peter only working one quarter of FY20, however, this also results in an overall decrease in billable hours. When asked the lease term, Charlie noted it had been every five years, but with the renovations Redstone is asking for 7 or more. They have agreed to reducing annual rent increase of 3% to 2%. Brief discussion about the benefits of not relocating the offices. VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. **Draft S.96 Recommendations.** S.96 proposes to redesign the way in which funding is determined and distributed for clean water projects that are not subject to a permit. Charlie noted that S.96 was voted out of the Senate yesterday, and while they didn’t fund it, they moved responsibilities to clean water service providers in each watershed. Today, Charlie talked with a member of the House Natural Resources Committee to see when they might take it up. Then Ways and Means will look at it for the funding aspect. In the meeting packet was a first draft of recommendations for changes/clarifications to various sections of the bill. Charlie reviewed the additional suggestions made by the CWAC at yesterday’s meeting. Members supported some of the CWAC suggestions, but not others. In particular, we do not want to seek enforcement authority. One big concern is that clean water service providers will be responsible for operation and maintenance. Since the service providers will funnel funding to the owners of a project, the owners should operate and maintain a project. Keep ANR as party to these agreements because they have enforcement authority to take action. Lengthy discussion ensued. BARBARA ELLIOTT MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY ANDY MONTROLL, TO FORWARD THESE RECOMMENDATIONS INCLUDING EDITS TO THE BOARD. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. (John Zicconi left the meeting.)

7. **Chair’s/Executive Director’s Update.** Charlie said the only other legislative update is Act 250. He believes the House Natural Resources Committee will hold the proposal this session and work on it over the winter for action early in the 2020 legislative session. Andy noted it’s hard to review something that is still a concept without an actual bill.

8. **Review agenda for April 17, 2019 Board Meeting.** Barbara Elliott suggested that we add Road Erosion Inventory update to the agenda, since it appears to be light. Members agreed.

9. **Other business.** There was no other business.
10. Executive Session. ANDY MONTROLL MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY BARBARA ELLIOTT, TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:40 P.M. TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL ISSUES WITH THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PRESENT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. ANDY MONTROLL MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY BARBARA ELLIOTT, TO LEAVE EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:20 P.M. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

11. Adjournment. MIKE O’BRIEN MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY BARBARA ELLIOTT, TO ADJOURN AT 7:20 P.M. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Bernadette Ferenc
CHITTENDEN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES – DRAFT

DATE: Wednesday, March 27, 2019
TIME: 5:45 p.m.
PLACE: CCRPC offices at 110 W. Canal Street; Suite 110; Winooski, VT 05404
PRESENT: John Zicconi, Secretary-Treasurer
Mike O’Brien, Vice-Chair
Staff: Charlie Baker, Executive Director
Forest Cohen, Senior Business Manager
Amy Irvin Witham, Business Office Associate

The meeting was called to order at 5:47 p.m. by John Zicconi, Secretary-Treasurer who chairs the Finance Committee.

1. Approve the minutes from the November 1, 2018 Finance Committee Meeting. MIKE O’BRIEN MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY JOHN ZICCONI, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS WRITTEN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. Review of Financial Reports – FY19 (July-Feb.).
   a. Balance Sheet. Cash in checking (operating) - $76,752; Cash in savings (match) - $188,026; Cash in money market & CD (reserve) - $217,606; current assets over liabilities - $654,710; Deferred income communities - $143,650. Income Statement. Forest noted that through February we show a negative income of ($104,659). We usually experience an increase in billing to ACCD in the latter half of the fiscal year. We are experiencing an indirect rate “penalty year”. He calculated our actual indirect rate costs for this fiscal year through February and came up with 83%. Our approved rate for this year is 68.12%. This is greatly contributing to our deficit. We had projected a deficit for this fiscal year of about $100,000 when we budgeted. We may be able to improve on our current trend later in the fiscal year, but it seems clear that we will finish substantially negative this year. Forest and Charlie are preparing the indirect rate for FY20 to present to VTrans and will ask for 80% which appears to be our new norm and we feel it’s reasonable. Discussion ensued. Charlie asked if members felt the board would like more frequent updates on the financials. John and Mike agreed that reviewing the budget when we adopt the UPWP in May and again at the Mid-Year Adjustment was sufficient.
   b. Cash Flow. Our cash position is good. Forest noted that we have switched financial institutions from Peoples United Bank to Opportunities Credit Union so our cash flow projections will look different. We won’t have a savings account, because the money will be in a money market because of the improved interest earnings. We will continue to have balances considered to be in reserve and breakout for match, but they won’t be represented in a separate cash account.

3. Approve Quarterly Journal Entries October-December 2018). MIKE O’BRIEN MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY JOHN ZICCONI TO APPROVE THE QUARTERLY JOURNAL ENTRIES FOR OCTOBER-DECEMBER 2018. Forest noted that there are a lot more grants being recorded using journal entries. The reason that’s happening is because we have a lot of deliverables-based grants vs. reimbursable grants. These are mostly state grants from DEC for water quality projects. We still have to track revenue and expenses monthly. When asked, Forest explained unbilled revenue. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
4. **Review DRAFT FY20 budget.** Members reviewed the draft budget. Pink rows are going away. Yellow rows indicate questions about the funding amounts or pending grants. When John questioned the lower consultant amount, it was noted that we have not yet included funds from FY19 that will be carried over into FY20. That number will be added in the next couple of drafts. When asked if we are replacing Peter Keating’s position when he retires at the end of September, Charlie said we are not advertising at this time. We think we can do absorb the tasks with existing staff. We anticipate hiring an additional intern; and we may need a different skill set as we take on more water quality vs. transportation projects. Discussion ensued. We then reviewed the expense side. For the last three years we have had two electric vehicles, but are down to one hybrid. We’ve decided to stay with one for now. The rent is a question because we’re negotiating a new lease. We have been here 10 years. There may be some capital investment if we redo the intern area. This is not an action item. We will be reviewing the draft UPWP and budget at the April Executive Committee and board meetings to warn a public hearing for our May board meeting.

5. **Other Business.** John Zicconi said that because he and Mike are on the Executive Committee, he’d prefer to tandem the Finance Committee with the Executive Committee meetings and start at 5 p.m. rather than meet another week. We’ll check with Jeff Carr to see if that is doable.

MIKE O’BRIEN MADE A MOTION TO AJOURN AT 6:25 P.M. JOHN ZICCONI SECONDED AND THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Bernadette Ferenc
REGULAR MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA

Wednesday, May 15, 2019 - 6:00 p.m.
CCRPC Offices; 110 W. Canal Street, Suite 202
Winooski, VT  05404

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CONSENT AGENDA –

C.1 TIP Amendments

DELIBERATIVE AGENDA

1. Call to Order; Changes to the Agenda

2. Public Comment Period on Items NOT on the Agenda

3. Action on Consent Agenda - (MPO Business) (Action; 1 minute)

4. Approve Minutes of April 17, 2019 Meeting * (Action; 1 minute)

5. FY20 Draft UPWP & Budget Public Hearing and Vote* (Action: 15 min)

6. Burlington City Comprehensive Plan Approval, Confirmation of Planning Process, and Determination of Energy Compliance * * (Action; 10 minutes)

7. Board Development Committee – Report on FY20 Officer nominations (information: 2 min.)

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9. Chair/Executive Director Report (Discussion; 15 minutes)
   a. Legislative Update
   b. Annual Meeting

10. Committee/Liaison Activities & Reports (Information, 2 minutes)
    a. Joint Executive & Finance Committee - draft minutes: May 1, 2019*
       i. Act 250 Sec 248 letters*
    b. Transportation Advisory Committee – draft minutes May 7, 2019*
    c. Clean Water Advisory Committee – draft minutes May 7, 2019*
    d. MS4 Subcommittee – draft minutes May 7, 2019*
    e. Planning Advisory Committee - draft minutes May 8, 2019*

11. Members’ Items, Other Business (Information, 5 minutes)

12. Adjourn

The May 15th Chittenden County RPC streams LIVE on YouTube at https://www.youtube.com/Channel17TownMeetingTV, and is available on the web at https://www.cctv.org/watch-tv/series/chittenden-county-regional-planning-commission.

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Upcoming Meetings - Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are held at our offices:

- Transportation Advisory Committee - Tuesday, June 4, 2019; 9:00 a.m.
- Clean Water Advisory Committee - Tuesday, June 4, 2019; 11:00 a.m.
- CWAC MS4 Subcommittee – Tuesday, June 4, 2019; 12:15 p.m.
- Executive Committee – Wednesday, June 5, 2019; 5:45 p.m.
- CCRPC Annual Board Meeting - Wednesday, June 19, 2019; 6:00 p.m.

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Other Potential Topics/Speakers:

- VTrans Rail?
- UVM-Medical Center Population Health?
- South Burlington City Center?
- E-assist Bikeshare and E-scooters?
May 2, 2019 DRAFT

Sam Carlson, Director of Project Development
Green Lantern Solar
PO Box 658
Waterbury, VT 05676
Submitted via ePUC

RE: Petition for a Certificate of Public Good for Underhill GLC Solar LLC’s Proposed 150 kW Project in Underhill, VT – 97 Beartown Road (Case #19-1000-NMP)

Dear Mr. Carlson:

Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission has received the application for a Certificate of Public Good for a 150kW solar project at 97 Beartown Road in Underhill, Vermont. We have reviewed this project in light of CCRPC’s 2018 Chittenden County ECOS Plan, which gained a Determination of Energy Compliance from the Vermont Department of Public Service on August 9, 2018.

ECOS Energy Goal
CCRPC finds that this project meets the intent of the Energy Goal (Goal #17) of the 2018 ECOS Plan: “Move Chittenden County’s energy system toward a cleaner, more efficient and renewable system that benefits health, economic development, and the local/global climate by working towards the State’s Comprehensive Energy Plan goals.”

Strategy 2, Action 4b of the ECOS Plan states “CCRPC supports the generation of new renewable energy in the County to meet the Vermont Comprehensive Energy Plan’s goals of using 90% renewable energy by 2050, in a manner that is cost effective and respects the natural environment.” Development of this solar facility helps implement this action. The Plan’s suitability policies help determine whether projects are cost effective, and the Plan’s constraint policies help determine whether projects respect the natural environment.

Suitability Policies
The 2018 ECOS Plan recommends the location of renewable energy generation facilities in appropriate locations, as defined by the polices in Strategy 2, Action 4b. The project as proposed meets the following suitability policies:

- The project is located in an area proximate to existing distribution and transmission infrastructure with adequate grid capacity.
- The project is located on a preferred site, as designated through letters from the Underhill Planning Commission, the Underhill Selectboard, and CCRPC (CCRPC letter dated 12/6/2018)
- The project is outside of any state designated centers or historic districts.

CCRPC finds that the location of this project meets the suitability policies of the 2018 ECOS Plan. As demonstrated in our preferred site and advance notice letters, CCRPC is highly supportive of projects sited on previously developed sites like this parcel, which is a former landfill.
**Constraints**

The *2018 ECOS Plan* states that development should be located to avoid state and local known constraints that have been field verified, and to minimize impacts to state and local possible constraints that have been field verified (Strategy 3, Action 1.f and Strategy 4, Action 1.f and Action 2.e).

Based on the site plan included in the application, CCRPC has reviewed the constraints that exist on the site of the proposed project. In our review letter following the advance notice for this project, CCRPC requested more information about the impact this project will have on slopes over 15%, including any plans to retain vegetation, stabilize the slopes after clearing and whether the full extent of clearing is required for the project. Erosion prevention and sediment control details (Exhibit C-102) have been submitted with this application. **Based on this information, it appears that this project minimizes impacts to possible constraints. CCRPC has no further comments on constraints at this time.**

These comments are based on information currently available; we may have additional comments as the process continues.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Charlie Baker  
Executive Director

cc: CCRPC Board  
Andrew Strniste, Director of Planning & Zoning, Town of Underhill  
Certificate of Service via ePUC
The Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC) is providing these written comments in response to the Public Utility Commission Order initiating a proceeding to review Commission Rule 5.100, which governs the construction and operation of net-metering systems and the Commission’s draft of potential changes to Rule 5.100. We appreciate the opportunity to comment on the draft changes to Rule 5.100 and on the questions raised in the order opening investigation.

The Commission’s order seeks comments on whether there should be a registration process for obtaining a CPG for a solar canopy over an existing parking lot, such as the current process for rooftop systems.

CCRPC supports a registration process for solar canopies over parking lots. The addition of a solar canopy does not increase the environmental impact of a parking lot that already exists or has been permitted, and removing barriers for these systems will help Vermont meet its renewable energy goals. To ensure that this registration process mirrors the process for solar on existing structures, CCRPC encourages the Commission to consider whether it would be appropriate to waive the setback requirements for solar canopies. Many existing parking lots are located within the setbacks required by Section 5.113 of the Net Metering Rules.

Section 5.129(D-E) of the draft rules allow up to 500 kW of cumulative capacity of net-metering systems to be attributed to an individual or a group, removing the need for Commission approval for multiple systems attributed to a single group.

We encourage the Commission to use this rulemaking process to investigate whether this limit should be raised or eliminated for large electricity users. This limit on group net metering especially impacts entities with multiple facilities (e.g. school districts, municipalities and state agencies).

The draft rule (pg. 10-11, Preferred Site Definition 7) eliminates the option for a preferred site to be identified through a “joint letter of support from the municipal legislative body and municipal and regional planning commissions in the community where the net-metering system will be located.”

CCRPC strongly opposes this change. It is imperative to allow municipalities and regions to designate preferred sites without amending the municipal plan. Instead of eliminating this option, the “joint letter of support” should be replaced with language allowing municipalities and regions to define a
preferred site based on the policies in their respective plans, and to clarify that the specifics of a project will be subject to additional review when more details are provided in a site plan.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment and we look forward to reviewing further drafts of Rule 5.100. We understand that this investigation is ongoing, and we may submit further comments as the process continues.

Please let me know if you have any questions or would like to discuss further.

Sincerely,

Charles Baker
Executive Director
STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Proposed revisions to Vermont Public Utility Commission Rule 5.100

Order entered: 04/16/2019

ORDER OPENING RULEMAKING

I. INTRODUCTION

In today’s Order, the Vermont Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) initiates a proceeding to review Commission Rule 5.100, which governs the construction and operation of net-metering systems.

II. BACKGROUND

Since 1997, Vermont utility customers using small renewable electric generation facilities have been allowed to net-meter their output and receive credit on their electricity bills. In 2014, the General Assembly tasked the Commission with redesigning the net-metering program to achieve a number of statutory objectives, including:

- advancing the State’s greenhouse goals and total renewable energy targets;
- achieving a level of deployment that is consistent with the recommendations of the Electrical Energy and Comprehensive Energy Plans;
- ensuring, to the extent feasible, that net metering does not shift costs included in each retail electricity provider’s revenue requirement between net-metering customers and other customers;
- accounting for all costs and benefits of net metering;
- ensuring access to the net-metering program;
- balancing the pace of deployment and cost of the program with the program’s impact on rates; and
- accounting for changes over time in the cost of technology.\(^1\)

In July of 2017, the current net-metering rule took effect. Rule 5.100 features a system of rate adjustors intended to encourage the beneficial siting of net-metering systems in areas with fewer environmental impacts and to encourage customers to transfer their renewable energy

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\(^1\) 30 V.S.A. § 8010(c).
credits (“RECs”) to their utility so that net-metering systems can count towards Vermont’s Renewable Energy Standard. The rule also provides for a periodic review of the rate adjustors; the first such review was completed in May of 2018.²

In December of 2017, the Vermont Department of Public Service (the “Department”), the Agency of Natural Resources, and the Natural Resources Board filed a request for guidance about the definitions of “preferred sites.”³ The Commission solicited two rounds of written comments and conducted a workshop with stakeholders to review issues related to preferred sites. Their input resulted in proposed changes to that section of the rule.

The Commission has also heard that there is a need for further clarifications to other sections of the rule. These changes are discussed in more detail below.

III. DISCUSSION

Attached to this Order is a draft of potential changes to Rule 5.100. The draft addresses: (1) changes intended to clarify and streamline the registration of net-metering systems, (2) recommendations pertaining to “preferred sites” identified in Case No. 17-5202-PET, and (3) changes that clarify the relationship between the Rule 5.100 certificate of public good (“CPG”) application process and the Rule 5.500 interconnection application process.

For example, the Commission would like to streamline the process for net-metering registrations for which the applicant has agreed to any interconnection requirements specified by the utility. Under the current rule, the applicant must respond to all interconnection issues identified by the utility and the Commission must determine that the response satisfactorily resolves those issues. The Commission proposes to revise the rule so that Commission action would only be necessary when there is a dispute about interconnection requirements. A customer would dispute any interconnection requirement by filing a request with the Commission. Disputes about interconnection requirements have been uncommon, and the Commission hopes such a change will streamline the vast majority of cases where no issues are disputed.

The Commission also proposes changes to the procedures for amending pending net-metering registrations and applications, as well as approved net-metering systems. Under the

² In Re: Biennial Update of the Net-Metering Program, Case No. 18-0086-INV, Order of May 1, 2018.
³ Case No. 17-5202-PET.
current rule, the applicable procedure for making changes to a net-metering registration depends on whether the change is a “major” or “minor” amendment. Solar installers have expressed confusion about this regulation, and the Commission’s staff spends a significant amount of time correcting and updating net-metering registrations. The Commission proposes to end this distinction between major and minor amendments and have a single procedure for all amendments. The proposed rule language will make filing amendments more streamlined, while still allowing for adequate review and public participation.

The Commission is also proposing to simplify the CPG transfer process. Under the current rules, the procedure for transferring a CPG depends on whether the CPG is being transferred as part of the sale of the land hosting the net-metering system or separate from the sale of land. The Commission is proposing to end this distinction. The Commission will adopt a single form and procedure for all transfers of systems larger than 15 kW. The Commission proposes that the transfer of a CPG for a small system (15 kW or less) would be done by written notice to the electric company.

The Commission also proposes to change a number of the deadlines in the current rule. First, consistent with recent practice, the Commission plans to delete all references to “business days” and instead use the equivalent number of calendar days. Second, the Commission proposes to standardize the time provided to utilities to raise an interconnection objection to a registration by providing 30 days for objections (rather than 10 business days for some and 30 days for others, depending on size). Third, the Commission proposes to allow two years for a permitted project to be constructed instead of one. This last change would allow additional time for an applicant to construct and interconnect a project without needing to obtain an extension of the CPG if something prevents the project from being completed within a year of approval.

The Commission also proposes revisions to Section 5.103’s definition of “preferred sites” based on its review of the information presented in Case No. 17-5202-PET. The Commission has also updated Sections 5.106 and 5.107 to specify what information an applicant must provide to demonstrate that its project qualifies as a preferred site.

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5 The Commission will issue an order in Case No. 17-5202-PET informing all participants in that proceeding of this rulemaking and closing Case No. 17-5202-PET.
In regard to preferred sites, the Commission requests comments on whether preferred-site status is appropriate for areas of the grid that are constrained. The Commission also requests comments on the relevance, if any, of tree clearing in determining preferred-site status. To the extent tree clearing is relevant, how should it factor in to the determination of preferred-site status?

The Commission also seeks comments on whether there should be a simplified process for obtaining a CPG for a solar canopy over an existing parking lot. The Commission has heard that these projects have minimal environmental impacts and should be eligible for filing as registrations like rooftop systems. The Commission seeks comments on this type of approach.

The Commission is considering changes to Sections 5.105, 5.106, and 5.107 that are intended to clarify the relationship of the CPG application process and the interconnection application process. For example, the draft clarifies that registration forms filed pursuant to Section 5.105 and application forms filed pursuant to Section 5.106 constitute Rule 5.500 interconnection applications. The Commission requests that comments address whether the registration form and application form need to be amended to include any information relevant to the subject of interconnection.

Applicants proposing large, ground-mounted net-metering systems pursuant to Section 5.107 will need to demonstrate that they have filed a separate, complete Rule 5.500 interconnection application with the interconnecting utility. The Commission requests comments on whether the Commission should require applicants to provide the results of any interconnection studies with a Section 5.107 CPG application.

The attached draft of Rule 5.100 does not contain any proposed changes to the rate structure for net-metering systems. However, the Commission is interested in hearing from stakeholders about whether any changes to the net-metering rate structure would be beneficial. For example, should net-metering credits continue to be based on the blended residential rate or should credits be based on some other measure, such as avoided system costs and environmental benefits? Participants should also offer ideas about how to leverage net-metering to reduce fossil-fuel consumption. For example, net-metering rates could be linked with requirements for the beneficial electrification of what would otherwise be fossil-fuel-based heating and transportation.
The Commission recently examined the possibility of using locational pricing in the context of the standard-offer program. While the Commission determined that locational pricing was not practical in that context, the Commission would like to know whether locational pricing would be appropriate for the net-metering program. Finally, the Commission would like to know whether the biennial update process described in Section 5.128 should be changed to better accomplish the goal of ensuring that the costs and benefits of net-metering are well balanced.

IV. REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

The Commission requests that stakeholders provide comments by May 17, 2019, addressing the attached draft changes to Rule 5.100 and the issues discussed in today’s Order. Additionally, stakeholders are invited to bring to the Commission’s attention any other issues with Rule 5.100 that should be addressed through the rulemaking process.

This rulemaking is being processed in the Commission’s online document management system, known as ePUC, which can be accessed at https://epuc.vermont.gov. Documents related to this rulemaking will be available in Case No. 19-0855-RULE.

In addition to comments on the substantive issues described in this Order, the Commission is interested in receiving comments by May 17, 2019, on what the process for this rulemaking should entail (e.g., how many rounds of comments and workshops are appropriate). Comments should be filed in ePUC using the “Add Briefs, Comments, or Discovery” action. Comments should not be filed using the “Public Comment” option. The Commission will establish a service list for this proceeding, which is not a contested case. Anyone interested in participating should contact the Clerk of the Commission at puc.clerk@vermont.gov.

SO ORDERED.
Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 16th day of April, 2019

Anthony Z. Roisman
PUBLIC UTILITY

Margaret Cheney
COMMISSION
OF VERMONT

Sarah Hofmann

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

Filed:  April 16, 2019

Attest:  Judith C. Whitney
Clerk of the Commission

Notice to Readers:  This decision is subject to revision of technical errors.  Readers are requested to notify the Clerk of the Commission (by e-mail, telephone, or in writing) of any apparent errors, in order that any necessary corrections may be made.  (E-mail address:  puc.clerk@vermont.gov)
REGULAR MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA

Wednesday, May 15, 2019 - 6:00 p.m.
CCRPC Offices: 110 W. Canal Street, Suite 202
Winooski, VT 05404

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CONSENT AGENDA –

C.1 TIP Amendments

DELIBERATIVE AGENDA

1. Call to Order; Changes to the Agenda

2. Public Comment Period on Items NOT on the Agenda

3. Action on Consent Agenda - (MPO Business) (Action; 1 minute)

4. Approve Minutes of April 17, 2019 Meeting * (Action; 1 minute)

5. FY20 Draft UPWP & Budget Public Hearing and Vote* (Action: 15 min)


7. Board Development Committee – Report on FY20 Officer nominations (information: 2 min.)

8. ??

9. Chair/Executive Director Report (Discussion; 15 minutes)
   a. Legislative Update
   b. Annual Meeting

10. Committee/Liaison Activities & Reports (Information, 2 minutes)
    a. Joint Executive & Finance Committee - draft minutes: May 1, 2019*
       i. Act 250 Sec 248 letters*
    b. Transportation Advisory Committee – draft minutes May 7, 2019*
    c. Clean Water Advisory Committee – draft minutes May 7, 2019*
    d. MS4 Subcommittee – draft minutes May 7, 2019*
    e. Planning Advisory Committee - draft minutes May 8, 2019*

11. Members’ Items, Other Business (Information, 5 minutes)

12. Adjourn

The May 15th Chittenden County RPC streams LIVE on YouTube at https://www.youtube.com/Channel17TownMeetingTV, and is available on the web at https://www.cctv.org/watch-tv/series/chittenden-county-regional-planning-commission.

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**Upcoming Meetings** - Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are held at our offices:

- Executive Committee – Wednesday, June 5, 2019; 5:45 p.m.
- Transportation Advisory Committee - Tuesday, June 4, 2019; 9:00 a.m.
- Clean Water Advisory Committee - Tuesday, June 4, 2019; 11:00 a.m.
- CWAC MS4 Subcommittee – Tuesday, June 4, 2019; 12:15 p.m.
- CCRPC Annual Board Meeting - Wednesday, June 19, 2019; 5:30 p.m. The Mansfield Barn, Jericho

**Tentative future Board agenda items:**

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**Other Potential Topics/Speakers:**

- VTrans Rail?
- UVM-Medical Center Population Health?
- South Burlington City Center?
- E-assist Bikeshare and E-scooters?