

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Docket No. 7873

Programmatic Changes to the Standard-Offer Program)

Order entered: 3/31/2016

PROCEDURAL ORDER

On January 22, 2016, the Vermont Public Service Board (“Board”) issued an Order adopting the Vermont System Planning Committee (“VSPC”) recommendations concerning the need for reliability plans in accordance with the Screening Framework and Guidelines for Implementation of 30 V.S.A. § 8005a(d)(2), and directing Green Mountain Power Corporation (“GMP”) to file a reliability plan for the Hinesburg area by no later than April 1, 2016.

On March 17, 2016, GMP filed a request for an extension of time — from April 1, 2016, to October 1, 2016 — to file a reliability plan for the Hinesburg area. GMP stated that an extension of its filing deadline would allow it to fully analyze the costs and benefits of battery storage, potentially combined with energy efficiency, to address the reliability deficiency, and to compare these alternatives to the construction of a new substation. Further, GMP noted that its analysis has determined that additional distributed generation would not be capable of addressing the specific challenges of the Hinesburg system. Therefore, GMP stated that its requested extension would not affect the timelines of the standard-offer program. Finally, GMP represented that its request was supported by the VSPC and the Vermont Department of Public Service.

On March 18, 2016, the Board issued a memorandum seeking comments on GMP’s request. No comments have been received.

Absent any objections, and based on GMP’s representation that distributed generation would be unable to address the reliability deficiency in Hinesburg, we hereby grant GMP’s request for an extension. GMP shall file a reliability plan for the Hinesburg area by no later than October 1, 2016.

SO ORDERED.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 31st day of March, 2016.

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<u>s/Margaret Cheney</u>)	BOARD
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<u>s/Sarah Hofmann</u>)	

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

FILED: March 31, 2016

ATTEST: s/Judith C. Whitney
Clerk of the Board

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Appeal of this decision to the Supreme Court of Vermont must be filed with the Clerk of the Board within thirty days. Appeal will not stay the effect of this Order, absent further order by this Board or appropriate action by the Supreme Court of Vermont. Motions for reconsideration or stay, if any, must be filed with the Clerk of the Board within ten days of the date of this decision and Order.