

STATE OF VERMONT  
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Docket No. 8492

Investigation into whether certain transmission charges )  
assessed in conjunction with standard-offer projects )  
constitute reasonable costs of the Standard Offer )  
Facilitator pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 8005a(l). )

Order entered: 2/17/2016

**ORDER CLOSING DOCKET**

On May 22, 2015, the Vermont Public Service Board ("Board") opened a proceeding to investigate whether certain charges assessed in conjunction with standard-offer projects constitute reasonable costs of the Standard Offer Facilitator pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 8005a(l). As part of the investigation, the Board joined all Vermont electric distribution utilities (the "DUs") as parties to the proceeding.

On September 23, 2015, the DUs filed a letter informing the Board that the DUs had entered into a memorandum of understanding ("MOU") that "resolves the issues raised in the Board's May 22, 2015 Order . . . at least for a temporary period." The MOU further describes a dispute resolution process for the DUs to resolve any issues related to the Standard Offer Facilitator's assessment of future wheeling charges.

The DUs further request that the Board open an uncontested proceeding "to address the issue that standard-offer projects have located predominantly in one service territory resulting in the generation of power far in excess of that service territory's pro rata share which must be wheeled to other service territories." The DUs recommend that such a proceeding be concluded prior to September 30, 2016, and prior to the issuance of the Board's 2017 request for proposals

in the standard-offer program. The MOU also states that if any of the DUs believe that this uncontested proceeding does not sufficiently resolve this issue, then the aggrieved DU must give the other DUs notice that it intends to pursue further litigation.

The Department states that it supports the MOU and supports the opening of an uncontested case to resolve any remaining issues.

In light of the agreements reached among the DUs as reflected in the MOU, there is no further need for this proceeding to continue. Accordingly, the Board hereby closes this docket.

**SO ORDERED.**

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2016.

<u>s/James Volz</u>	)	PUBLIC SERVICE
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<u>s/Margaret Cheney</u>	)	BOARD
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<u>s/Sarah Hofmann</u>	)	

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Acting Clerk of the Board

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