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The Public Service Department Announces Upcoming Meetings of Energy Generation Siting Policy Commission

Montpelier, VT – The next informational meeting of the Governor’s Energy Generation Siting Policy Commission will take place on Friday, January 11, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in the Pavilion Auditorium, 109 State Street, Montpelier, Vermont. The agenda for the meeting will cover perspectives on the Commission’s charges from additional stakeholders including citizens, activists, and legislators. The Commission will begin deliberations from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. that same afternoon in the Giga Conference Room, 3rd floor, VT Public Service Department.

The Commission will continue deliberations on January 15, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at St. Leo’s Hall in Waterbury and again February 5, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. in the Calvin Coolidge Conference Room, 6th Floor Agency of Commerce and Community Development.

The Commissioners will also be visiting energy generation projects, followed by evening public hearings, in January and February. Public participation is limited at the site visits, but video recordings of each site visit will be posted to the Siting Commission’s website. Public participants will be decided by lottery at the Commission’s January 11th meeting. Any individual wishing to participate in a site visit may submit their name once, either at the start of that meeting (ballots will be provided) or by email to SitingCommission@state.vt.us by 4 p.m. Thursday, January 10, 2013 with the following information:

Full Name

Street Address

Email Address

Phone Number

Site Visit Preferences, in order of preference

Please reference site visits as follows:

- A: Granite Ridge Energy Natural Gas Facility, Londonderry, NH (1/23/13, 1-3 p.m.)
- B: South Burlington Solar Farm, S. Burlington, VT (1/30/13, 12-2 p.m.)
- C: McNeil (biomass) Generating Station, Burlington, VT (1/30/13, 2:30-4:30 p.m.)
- D. Sheffield Wind, Sheffield, VT (2/12/13, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.)
- E. Kingdom Community Wind, Lowell, VT (2/12/13, 1-4 p.m.)

Individuals selected by lottery to attend each site visit are responsible for their own transportation to sites.

Public hearings on the Commission's charges will be held from 5-7 p.m. the evenings of the site visits in the following locations:

January 23: Brattleboro Union High School, 131 Fairground Rd., Brattleboro

January 30: Aiken 102, Rubenstein School, University of Vermont, 81 Carrigan Drive, Burlington

February 12: Lowell Graded School, 52 Gelo Park Rd., Lowell

Dates, times, and locations of meetings, site visits, and public hearings are subject to change. Interested parties are encouraged to consult the Siting Commission's website, <http://sitingcommission.vermont.gov>, for any updates.

All meetings of the Commission are open to the public. Any member of the public who requires reasonable accommodation should make his or her request to Michelle Hughes at (802) 828-3065 three days prior to the scheduled meeting.

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