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**State of Vermont
Public Utility Commission**

MEMORANDUM

To: Participants in Case 24-1513-INV; Vermont System Planning Committee email service list

From: Mary Jo Krolewski, Utilities Analyst ^{MSK}

Re: Opportunity to Comment on Candidates for Vermont System Planning Committee Members and New Distribution Utility Member

Date: June 20, 2024

Membership Vacancies

The terms of three members on the Vermont System Planning Committee (“VSPC”) have either expired or will expire shortly – a primary member and alternate representing the supply resources, and an alternate representing commercial and industrial electric consumers. The member or alternate representing supply resources will serve a five-year term, starting no later than August 1, 2024, and ending July 31, 2029. The alternate member representing commercial and industrial electric consumers will fill a current term ending on July 31, 2028.

The Vermont Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) advertised the openings for these members. The Commission received two letters of interest for the primary member and alternate representing the supply resources from: Jonathan Dowds and Jack Greene. The Commission received two letters of interest for the alternate representing the industrial and commercial customers from Joel Thompson and Molly Mahar.

Copies of the letters of interest are attached to this memorandum.

The deadline for comments on the candidates is July 10, 2024. Interested persons may file comments with the Commission as public comments in Case No. 24-1513-INV.

New Distribution Utility Member

The Commission proceeding establishing the VSPC required that each distribution utility participate in, and appoint a representative to, the VSPC.¹ A distribution utility may designate one alternate who may act fully in the absence of the designated representative.

The Commission granted the request of GlobalFoundries U.S. 2, LLC (“GlobalFoundries”) to create GF Power LLC (“GF Power”) and operate this wholly owned subsidiary as a public service company, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 231.²

As a public service company, GF Power is required to participate in the VSPC as a distribution utility member. The Commission plans to assign GF Power to the VSPC membership category for large distribution utilities without transmission.

The deadline for comments on GF Power’s assignment is July 10, 2024. Interested persons may file comments with the Commission as public comments in Case No. 24-1513-INV.

Attachments

¹ Docket 7081, Order of 6/20/07 at 39.

² *Order Granting GlobalFoundries Request to Form and Operate a Public Service Company and GMP’s Companion Request to Modify Its Service Territory*, Case 21-1107-PET, Order of 10/21/2022.

6/14/2024

Business Manager,
Vermont Public Utility Commission,

I am writing to express my interest in serving as a member representing supply resources on the Vermont System Planning Committee (VSPC). As the Deputy Director at Renewable Energy Vermont (REV), I work daily with companies that install, maintain, and operate distributed energy resources. REV's membership is deeply interested in the issues covered by the VPSC and especially in understanding grid constraints and potential solutions that limit the interconnection of new renewable energy and storage resources to the Vermont grid.

In my capacity at REV, I regularly participate in regulatory and policy conversations related to the expansion and interconnection of renewable resources. REV functions as a liaison between our members and policymakers and planners. In this capacity, we leverage the technical expertise and practical experience of our members in settings such as the VSPC. As such I would be able to bring a broad representation of the concerns and priorities of the supply resource community.

With that said, REV has regularly attended, and anticipates continuing to attend, VPSC quarterly meetings as well as select subcommittee meetings. Consequently, I ask the VPSC to give precedence to letters of interest from other members of the supply resources community for VSPC membership to ensure that members for this sector are working directly in this field as REV's knowledge will be available to the Committee regardless.

Sincerely



Jonathan Dowds
Deputy Director,
Renewable Energy Vermont

Letter of Interest

Jack Greene
PO Box 893 Quechee, VT, 05059
(603) - 991 - 1367
greene@norwichsolar.com
Project Engineer - Norwich Solar

13 June 2024

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my interest in serving as a member of the Vermont State Planning Committee in the Supply and Demand Resources sector. I am driven to provide Vermonters with low-cost, low-carbon energy and will represent the renewable energy industry's position clearly while encouraging holistic long-term planning. My strong analytical abilities were sharpened earning a BE in Energy Engineering from Dartmouth College, while my professional responsibilities have ranged from installing residential solar trackers to taking charge of the interconnection of 10+ MW of utility scale solar in New England. As the first employee of our EV division I have also gained critical experience entering new markets and leading turnkey projects, exhibiting the same communication and leadership skills I intend to bring to VPSC.

In my role as Project Engineer at Norwich Solar I have worked across all facets of development including project origination, permitting, finance, and EPC. I helped bring the company into new markets and build new processes. Relevant experiences include:

- Lead engineer on 10+ MW of interconnections across several utilities
- Track record of successful private and grant-funded EV charging projects, including leading Vermont's first NEVI project located in Bradford
- Won two grants totalling ~ \$1.5M for EV charging, built financial models and successfully attracted tax-equity investment
- Vehicle to Grid (V2G) modeling, a growing NWA opportunity
- Worked closely with industry groups to submit testimony on changes to net metering and adapt to ever-changing regulations

Through my work experience I have built relationships with various state agencies, fellow developers, and contractors critical to the Vermont renewable energy industry. I would like to join the VPSC to continue to advance low-cost, low-carbon energy and bring innovative thinking to the Supply and Demand Resources sector. Please reach out via the contact info listed above with questions or next steps.

Sincerely,
Jack Greene



Ms. Karen Hutchinson
Vermont Public Utilities Commission
112 State Street 4th Floor
Montpelier, VT 05620-2701

June 14, 2024

Dear Ms. Hutchinson:

Please accept this as the Vermont Ski Area Association's (VSAA) letter of interest in applying for the existing commercial & industrial alternate member vacancy on the Vermont System Planning Committee (VSPC).

VSAA is a private, not-for-profit trade association founded in 1969 to foster a legislative, economic, and social environment in which the state's ski industry can grow and prosper, addressing issues including environmental integrity, economic and social contributions to the state's welfare, and competitive positioning of the state as a destination for tourism. VSAA serves its 21 alpine and 26 cross country member ski areas in three primary areas: governmental and regulatory affairs, marketing, and public affairs.

As you are aware, alpine ski areas are large energy consumers and over the past several decades their interest in becoming more efficient, reducing energy consumption, and containment of energy costs have become increasingly important. Additionally, climate change and its impacts to Vermont is a significant area of concern. Vermont is an industry leader on sustainability within the national ski industry. Our members have a strong track record of supporting initiatives and executing projects that reduce their environmental impacts and greenhouse gas emissions. Energy issues are more of a focus for our industry than ever before, and this will continue into the foreseeable future.

The VSPC is often viewed as the "kitchen table" for all things energy related in Vermont and as we face a future of increasing electrification at the residential and commercial/industrial levels we know that load growth is a reality for Vermont's future. The VSPC's task of evaluating transmission alternatives and determining the best way for Vermont to tackle our energy needs will be critically important to our industry and the state.

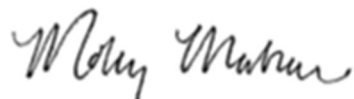
Representing a significant driver of the Vermont economy, and an energy dependent industry with a vested interest in adaptability and finding ways to combat climate change, I believe VSAA would be a very good representative on the VSPC. Our members have extensive experience

working with both Vermont's distribution utilities and our efficiency utility, Efficiency Vermont – therefore, we are sensitive to the issues faced by commercial and industrial customers. VSAA would be able to represent this important industry and bring our expertise and pragmatic approach to the VSPC. Finally, being part of the VSPC would allow VSAA to become a more active player in the Vermont energy landscape as we move forward in meeting Vermont's renewable energy and electrification efforts to combat climate change.

In summary, VSAA on behalf of its ski area members, has a vested interest in our state's energy future and believes that it will be able to contribute a valuable voice to the VSPC.

Thank you for giving our letter of interest your consideration. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Molly Mahar". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Molly Mahar, President
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June 17, 2024

Business Manager
Vermont Public Utility Commission
112 State Street
Montpelier, VT 05620-2701

Dear Sir/Madam:

I know this letter arrives a few days late. But hopefully you might still be able to consider my application for primary membership on the Electric System Planning Committee. I just found the notice today while looking at the Public Utility Commission so apologies on being late.

I would have a great interest as a user of public utilities in Vermont. I was born in Vermont some years back and in 2021 we returned to live in Bennington, Vermont. We subscribe to Green Mountain Power for our electricity since having purchased our home on Monument Avenue.

My personal experience comes from having raised a family of three children with my wife Christine and having been a purchaser of utilities in the places we lived in. In addition, I attach a brief business resume showing my work experience. I run my own business which we moved to Vermont in 2021. We work with clients around the world including Guam, USA, and suppliers in the US, Europe and Asia.

I would welcome the opportunity to serve and help the utility constituents of Vermont.

Sincerely Yours,



Joël Thompson

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JOËL P.A. THOMPSON

AuclairRe International, Inc., Bennington, Vermont

President & Founder, since January 2006

- Reinsurance intermediary and consulting services for clients in the US and the Far East
- Consulting in underwriting, management, claims and risk management for insurance
- Life Insurance & Reinsurance deal structuring from ILS to Surplus Relief, Financial Reinsurance and traditional YRT-Excess and Quota Share reinsurance; XXX/AXXX and Annuity Reinsurance
- Retrocessional Reinsurance including Pool and closed blocks transfers
- Outsourcing consulting for underwriting, administrative and claims systems and Quality Review
- Member SIIA committees; speaker at national conferences

Benfield Inc., New York, New York

Vice President-Life Accident & Health, December 2002 to December 2005

- Hired to help rebuild Life A&H brokerage profit center within Benfield US;
- Developed New business, Responsible for \$750,000 P&C and Life A&H Book
 - Accumulation Model for Personal Accident Reinsurer
 - Reinsurance of Quota Share and Excess of Loss business & Issuing paper searches for clients
 - Developed Retrocessional Life markets and XXX/AXXX and Final Expenses transactions

St. Paul Re., New York, New York

Vice President-Global Treaty Underwriting Accident & Health, June 1999 to December 2002

- Responsible for the creation of a new product line/profit center worldwide, 2000 President's Award
- Set up underwriting, actuarial pricing, accounting, claims and other functional support
- Exceeded 1st year goals: \$40 million in New Business; 15% Return on Equity;
- By 2002 Book was over \$125 million from six clients
- US emphasis with business in Middle East Region (Oman, UAE and KSA) and Latin America
- Pricing, auditing and underwriting of quota share, excess of loss and finite reinsurance of: Employer Stop Loss, First Dollar Medical, Provider Stop Loss and HMO Reinsurance, Dental, Student Accident & Sickness other A&H products
- Maintain extensive contacts across reinsurance and retail brokerage, third party administrators, consultants, actuaries, insurance companies and insurance venture capitalists globally
- Speaker at conferences such as CEBS, Actuarial Society of New York, Latin American Healthcare; quoted in the Financial Times and Al Iktissad; referred to in Best Review, Business Insurance

Reliance National., New York, New York

Vice President-Healthcare, July 1996 to March 1999; Promoted to International Division July 1997

- Responsibilities include budget, (pre and post) acquisition analysis, reinsurance, underwriting and new product development in United States, Latin America, Europe and Asia
- Grew US healthcare by 15% from \$69 million to \$80 million; 5 direct reports; 11 managing general underwriters (MGUs); developed & implemented 4 new programs; (July 1996 - July 1997)
- Grew International Healthcare from \$3 million in 1997 to \$11 million in 1998 via organic & acquisition growth (August 1997 – March 1999)
- Medical Stop Loss & Case Management in Argentina; Surgical Benefit in Norway; Dental in Hong Kong; Student Health Insurance and Employer Stop Loss in Malaysia and Singapore
- Management and training of field underwriters in Reliance Branch Offices in Mexico, Brazil, Argentina, London, Singapore and Hong Kong

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Willis Corporation, Rochester, New Hampshire; Account Executive, August 1991 to July 1996

- Broker/consultant to all size accounts across employee benefits; Lead projects including:
 - Audit of TPA (30 clients; 3000 lives) and replacement/sale to an HMO
 - Managed network startup analysis; medical stop loss market expansion
 - Provided strategy and procedure to Benefits Department; provider excess of loss product
- Created new products for clients including a Point-of-Service plan for Frisbie Hospital, silent Preferred Provider Agreements and an International Travel Medical Policy.
- Wrote new product development proposals for major insurance company (see consultative list)
- Consistent new business results of \$2 million in premium per year (small group) for clients such as Allied Signal, Phillips Exeter Academy, Lydall, The State of New Hampshire and Marathon Power
- Member of the Japan America Society; Rehired by former manager at Congoleum Corporation

Prior Experience at:

CIGNA/EQUICOR, New York, New York September 1989 to August 1991; Life A&H

Metropolitan Insurance Company, December 1987 to September 1989 & August 1982 to November 1984

UCCEL Corporation, Dallas, Texas October 1986 to August 1987 (1,200 employee company, sold)

Congoleum Corporation, Portsmouth, New Hampshire November 1984 to August 1986 (10,000 employee company, sold)

EDUCATION

Licensed: Life, Accident & Health and Property & Casualty, Reinsurance Intermediary

Leadership New Hampshire Class of 1994

Certified Employee Benefits Specialist, eight out of ten exams passed
Group Benefits Associate Designation awarded October 2001

University of South Carolina

MBA (MIBS): Master in International Business Studies, May 1981

Internship: **Goodyear France**, Rueil-Malmaison, France; 1980-1

Université de Louvain-la-Neuve

French Business, Economics and Culture Courses, Summer 1980

Georgetown University

Bachelor of Science in Foreign Service, May 1978

International Economics and Accounting

Fluency in French like a native since birth; 1998-9: Spanish classes at Berlitz-Level 3; reached proficiency in German in 1981. Living and work experience in France, Kenya and New Zealand.

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