



MEMORANDUM

TO: Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission Municipalities
Adjacent Regional Planning Commissions
Vermont State Agencies

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RE: **2017 DRAFT Central Vermont Regional Energy Plan**

DATE: June 19, 2017

At their regular meeting on June 13, 2017, the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission (CVRPC) Board of Commissioners voted to transmit the Draft 2017 Central Vermont Regional Energy Plan to the Department of Public Service for their initial review. This review will provide guidance to the CVRPC regarding the Draft Regional Energy Plan's consistency with the standards outlined in Act 174 of 2016.

In November of 2016, the CVRPC formed a Regional Energy Committee to provide oversight and direction to staff regarding the development of an energy plan that would meet the standards outlined in Act 174. The committee consists of 17 members including representation from the Board of Commissioners, selectboards, planning commissions, local energy commissions, housing groups, utility providers, transit providers, renewable energy developers, the business community, and state agencies.

Over the past six months, the Regional Energy Committee met to discuss multiple aspects of energy including siting, mapping, resource areas, public outreach, and the development of a draft regional energy plan. The draft plan contains the three primary sections of Act 174 including analysis & targets; pathways & implementation actions; and mapping. Guidance from the Department of Public Service was used to ensure consistency with the Act 174 standards. The final plan will include an executive summary, introduction, and appendices, however they are not included with the draft at this time.

In the coming months, the Draft Regional Energy Plan will be updated as necessary based on comments from the Department of Public Service and input received through public participation activities including surveys, public forums, and other activities to solicit input. The final draft of the plan will be completed by December 31, 2017 and presented to the CVRPC Board of Commissioners for their consideration. Final action on the Regional Energy Plan will be completed by February 28, 2018.

Additional information regarding the CVRPC's regional energy planning including information related to the CVRPC's efforts to assist our member municipalities with local energy planning can be found on the CVRPC website at <http://centralvtplanning.org/programs/energy/>. If you would like a hard copy of the plan, please contact me at vorwald@cvregion.com or 802.229.0389 to make arrangements.