

MEMORANDUM

To: Gaye Symington
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From: Department of Public Service

Date: October 17, 2012

Re: Energy Generation Siting Policy Commission: Proposed Process and Background Materials

In advance of your first meeting, the Department would like to recommend a process for carrying out the charge contained in Executive Order No. 10-12 and to provide you with some preliminary background materials. The process we propose is detailed in the attached timeline and is geared toward four primary activities: information sessions with presentations by experts; public hearings and public comments; deliberations; and report writing. The Vermont Energy Generation Siting Policy Commission website found at <http://sitingcommission.vermont.gov/home> is currently soliciting public comments.

The following documents are attached:

- Governor's Energy Siting Policy Commission Project Timeline – Draft 10/11/2012
- 30 V.S.A. § 248
- Overview of the Section 248 Process
- Citizen's Guide to the Public Service Board's Section 248 Process
- Act 250 (10 V.S.A. Chapter 151)
- Comparison of Substantive Requirements of Act 250 and 30 V.S.A. § 248
- Vermont Commission on Wind Energy Regulatory Policy Findings and Recommendations; Regulatory Background Research Report, 2004
- Report on Improving Vermont's Environmental Protection Process

Additionally, the Agency of Natural Resources is preparing background materials.

Please let us know how we can be of further assistance with this matter.