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**REV Suggested Revisions re House Bill 40**

1. It would be helpful to add some clarifying language as to the overall energy policy vision of the Bill.
2. Tier I: Ensure there is some safeguard so that Vermont is not overly reliant on one electricity source.
3. Tier I: Clarify the definitions for renewable energy such that food residuals or food waste can be considered renewable. It is the same technology as farm methane (a biodigester) and making this change is in keeping with Act 148, the Universal Recycling Act.
4. Tier II: Ensure that utilities must accept net-metering customers.
5. Tier II: Ensure that the renewable energy credits associated with net-metering are fairly accounted for.
6. Tier II: Provide clear guidance to the PSB that they are to look at longer term credit opportunities for renewable customers.
7. Tier III: Ensure Modern Wood Heating (biomass, pellet systems) receive the same beneficial opportunities for market place advancement as heat pump technologies.
8. To promote siting of solar in less optimal locations, (1) direct Board to provide an incentive to developers to build at these locations, and (2) increase the Standard Offer program to allow for a portion of the MWs in the Standard Offer program to be focused on solar at these less optimal locations, \*and\*, have those projects compete against each other separately in the bidding process.
9. The biennial report should commence in 2019, should include a stakeholder process, and should include the assessment of both the costs and the benefits of the RESET program.