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Good morning and thank you for your response. In the interest of brevity I forgot to mention a couple things:

1. In-state vs. out-of-state generation—the issue is how much of our scenic Vermont land does 1 MW of installed solar capacity or wind capacity use? Also, we are creating disparate equitability burdens among Vermonters by visiting uncompensated project impacts on non-participating neighbors (noise, land values/saleability, ecological impacts).
2. Unconsidered project component life cycle pollution from mining of raw materials, air quality impacts to neighbors of those mines/refining facilities, etc.—in Chile, China, and other places where local populations are.

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Hello Paul,

Thank you for these comments. We will take them into consideration as we review our renewable & clean electricity policies and programs. After the close of the comment period, the Department expects to summarize and synthesize what we heard, and then share that and next steps in the process.

We appreciate your commitment to Vermont and your participation in the process.

Thanks,

The PSD Renewable & Clean Electricity Team.

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1. Drop the renewable energy standard
2. Adopt a carbon-free energy standard
3. Build new nuclear plant somewhere in New England (but why not at Vernon, VT?).
4. Buy nuclear and Canadian hydro via long-term contracts
5. Deploy utility-scale battery capacity to store base-load when it is excess to demand.
6. Continue conservation/weatherization programs

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