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**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION UPDATES TIME FOR WORKSHOP IN
PROMOTING THE OWNERSHIP AND USE OF ELECTRIC VEHICLES IN VERMONT**

Montpelier, VT, September 28, 2018 – On October 1, 2018, the Vermont Public Utility Commission will hold a workshop as part of its investigation into promoting the ownership and use of electric vehicles in Vermont. The workshop will begin at 9:00 A.M. in Room 11 at the Vermont Statehouse, 115 State Street, Montpelier. The workshop is open to the public, and everyone interested is encouraged to attend.

The workshop will present a series of panel discussions on issues related to electric vehicles, including the current and future state of electric vehicle technologies, barriers to the deployment of electric vehicles and infrastructure, strategies for overcoming those barriers, jurisdictional issues related to the regulation of electric vehicles in Vermont, and a general question-and-answer panel. Panel speakers will present a diverse range of views from industry and organizations focused on technology, policy, and environmental issues related to electric vehicles, including utilities, electric vehicle and infrastructure manufacturers, public and private transportation providers, and consumer, public, and environmental advocates.

The transportation sector is the largest contributor to greenhouse gas emissions in Vermont, accounting for 47% of the state's greenhouse-gas emissions. To advance the state's greenhouse-gas reduction goals, the Commission opened its investigation on July 9, 2018, to identify and eliminate barriers to the widespread adoption of electric vehicles.

The October 1 workshop is the first in the series of written filings and workshops that will occur over the course of the Commission's investigation, which was initiated in response to Act 158 of the 2017-2018 legislative session. A report will be filed with the Vermont Legislature by July 1, 2019, setting forth the Commission's analysis of the barriers to electric vehicle adoption in Vermont and recommendations on how to reduce or eliminate them.

For more information about the investigation, contact: PUC Staff Attorney John Cotter, 802-828-2358, john.cotter@vermont.gov.

The Commission's orders and any filings by participants in the investigation can be found by searching for Case No. 18-2660-INV on ePUC, the PUC's online document-management system.

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