1. Potential Changes to VRE Subsidy Allocation Methodology

Purpose of item: Staff will lead a follow-up to the discussion at the previous Committee meeting regarding potential changes to VRE’s subsidy allocation methodology to reduce year-to-year volatility for jurisdictions.

2. Mitigating Diesel Fuel Price Risk

Purpose of item: Staff will (1) review VRE’s current approach to purchasing locomotive diesel fuel and mitigating risk associated with price volatility and (2) discuss alternative approaches that could provide greater long-term insurance against price fluctuations.

3. Fiscal Sustainability and Farebox Recovery

Purpose of item: Staff will initiate the first in a series of discussions about VRE’s fiscal sustainability in the medium- and long-term. The ongoing financial modeling effort is providing insights into VRE’s projected fiscal trajectory over the next ten years (through 2030) and the likely opportunities and challenges during that period, including projects and efforts to support with C-ROC funding and the requirement that at least 50 percent of operating expenses be funded through passenger fares.