

VERMONT SYSTEM PLANNING COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 10, 2010, 9:30 AM CONFERENCE CALL

A special meeting of the Vermont System Planning Committee (VSPC) was held on February 10, 2010, via conference call. Deena Frankel called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

INTRODUCTIONS

Participating members introduced themselves. A list of attendees by sector appears on page 3 of these minutes. Steve Litkovitz reported that he would be leaving the Department of Public Service (DPS) on March 29, 2010, to take a position with Green Mountain Power (GMP), and that he is prohibited from participating in any regulatory discussions relating to GMP for the duration of his tenure at DPS. It was confirmed that there would be no such discussions during this meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of the 2010 Project Priority List (PPL)

Ms. Frankel reported that the Docket 7081 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) requires the VSPC, following the publication of the Long Range Transmission Plan (LRTP), to adopt a Project Priority List (PPL) establishing dates for completing each of five milestones for each identified reliability deficiency: identification of a likely transmission solution, non-transmission alternative analysis, solution selection, cost allocation, and implementation strategy. VELCO introduced a draft PPL at the December 9, 2009, quarterly meeting. Further discussion occurred with Affected Utilities and adjustments were made to the PPL based on those discussions. The product delivered to the VSPC in preparation of today's meeting is a result of those discussions.

GMP asked how the previously agreed change would be made to list CVPS, rather than GMP, as the lead utility for the Ascutney project. Ms. Frankel reviewed the action taken thus far: (1) the VSPC previously approved the Affected and Lead Utility Determinations including approval for CVPS to be designated Lead on Ascutney if agreed to by CVPS, GMP and VELCO, and (2) the three utilities have provided written approval of designating CVPS lead. Ms. Frankel indicated that the staff will make the change in the document listing the Lead and Affected Utility determinations and post the revised document to the VSPC website.¹

MOTION TO APPROVE PROJECT PRIORITY LIST; Richard Suitor moved and Hantz Pr sum  seconded the Motion. The Motion was approved unanimously.

Approval of the 2010 Annual Report

Ms. Frankel presented the revised Annual Report. The earlier draft was prepared without an approved updated PPL resulting in the use of information from the 2006 Long-Range Transmission Plan. The result of being between PPLs was that the earlier draft Annual Report was not as

¹ The final document, including the revision described herein, is posted at: <http://bit.ly/AffectedUtilities>

informative or meaningful as it would be if it were based on the deadlines and projects presented in the 2009 Long-Range Transmission Plan. The revised Annual Report presented today is based on the recently approved PPL.

MOTION TO APPROVE 2010 ANNUAL REPORT FOR SUBMISSION TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD; Mr. Suitor moved and Mr. Litkovitz seconded the Motion. The Motion was approved unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

During the September 9, 2009, quarterly meeting, the Energy Efficiency & Forecasting Subcommittee brought a motion before the VSPC seeking authority to accomplish a portion of the unconstrained DSM potential study the VSPC is required to undertake in 2010 through a contract with the Vermont Energy Investment Corporation (VEIC). This action will require PSB approval to modify the study provision of Attachment F of the Docket 7081 MOU. Ms. Frankel indicated that all signatories to Docket No. 7081 will be contacted in order to seek their support of the change in the MOU. If consensus of the signatories is obtained, the VSPC will send a letter to the PSB requesting approval. If the Board determines that a formal petition is required, a Docket 7081 party will need to make such a filing.

ADJORNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

NEXT MEETINGS:

- Quarterly Meeting to be held on March 10, 2010 at Vermont Technical College (Morey Lounge), Randolph, Vermont at 9:30 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

*Indicates voting member at this meeting

**Indicates Alternate

Public Sector

*Jenny Cole, Public Member- Residential

Transmission Utility (VELCO)

*Hantz Pr sum , VELCO

Chris Diebold, VELCO

Distribution Utilities Providing Transmission (CVPS, GMP, VEC)

*Doug Smith, GMP

**Terry Cecchini, GMP

**Kim Jones, CVPS

Morris Silver, CVPS

Large Transmission-Dependent Distribution Utilities (BED, Vermont Marble, WEC)

*Munir Kasti, BED

Transmission Dependent Distribution Utilities (Municipals)

*Richard Suitor, Village of Northfield Electric

Non-Voting Members

Steve Litkovitz, DPS

Staff

Deena Frankel, VELCO

Kimberly Pritchard, VELCO