

Vermont System Planning Committee

Ensuring full, fair and timely consideration of non-transmission alternatives to address Vermont electric system reliability challenges.



**QUARTERLY MEETING
MARCH 11, 2009
9:30 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.
VERMONT TECHNICAL COLLEGE
RANDOLPH, VERMONT**

Energy Efficiency & Forecasting



The subcommittee discussed how the VSPC should handle the following requirement:

Affected Utilities agree to undertake the following activities by July 1, 2010: 1) VSPC to sponsor, via an RFP, a statewide DSM potential study (including efficiency measures & CHP/customer sited generation) broken down by select area load zones within Vermont. This would either be new or a revision to that done for the DPS. The study results would be used in both the preliminary and detailed NTA analyses.” *Attachment F of Docket 7081 MOU*

EE&F Continued: Discussion/Options



- Is it practical for VSPC to complete these tasks
- Who would perform the tasks?
- DPS plans energy efficiency potential study for 2010 to inform EEU Budget – offered to include CHP and customer sited renewables, but would want funding and to run the study
 - ✦ This could require an amendment to the MOU
 - ✦ Without funding or authority to do, DPS cannot add tasks to its study
 - ✦ DPS cannot lead a second potential study for the purposes of the VSPC
- Different purposes of the studies: DPS purpose to inform EEU Budget, VSPC purpose to be used in NTA analysis.
- Note: Forecast 20 resource could be leveraged to perform this analysis for the efficiency potential study.

Public Participation Subcommittee



Update on Long-Range Transmission Plan public engagement process

- Wednesday, April 29, 2009 5:30 pm Lake Morey Resort, Fairlee
- Tuesday, May 5, 2009 5:30 pm Sheraton Hotel, Burlington
- Thursday, May 7, 2009 5:30 pm Catamount Arts Academy, St. Johnsbury
- Monday, May 11, 2009 1:30 pm VT College of Fine Arts, Montpelier
- Wednesday, May 13, 2009 5:30 pm Marlboro Technology Center, Brattleboro

Technical Coordinating – ISO follow-up



- **Follow-up on VSPC letter to ISO-NE regarding parity treatment of NTAs**
 - ISO offered a meeting with Stephen Rourke
 - How does VSPC want to approach the meeting?
 - Technical Coordinating to prepare approach/invite before June VSPC meeting
 - VSPC to finalize invite and send in June
 - Proposal to meet with Stephen Rourke at Sept. VSPC meeting

Technical Coordinating – Prep for 7081 evaluation



- Between July 1 and December 31, 2009, the Parties agree to convene one or more meetings for the purpose of evaluating the planning structure set forth in this MOU in light of experience to date and, if appropriate, recommending that the Board modify that structure. All VSPC participants will be invited to attend any such meetings. The Parties will report to the Board by December 31, 2009 concerning the evaluation described in this paragraph. In the event that the evaluation process or report contemplated under this paragraph is not completed by December 31, 2009, a Party may request an extension from the Board. *Docket 7081 MOU at page 39.*
- Proposed steps:
 - Each Subcommittee and each Sector to convene a meeting in the third quarter of 2009 to discuss strengths and weaknesses of the process.
 - Input to be discussed at September meeting.
 - Meeting to be convened including all 7081 parties in October.
 - Technical Coordinating to draft report to PSB synthesizing input.
 - VSPC to finalize report at December VSPC meeting and submit to PSB by December 31, 2009.

Technical Coordinating – Prep for March 25 PSB workshop

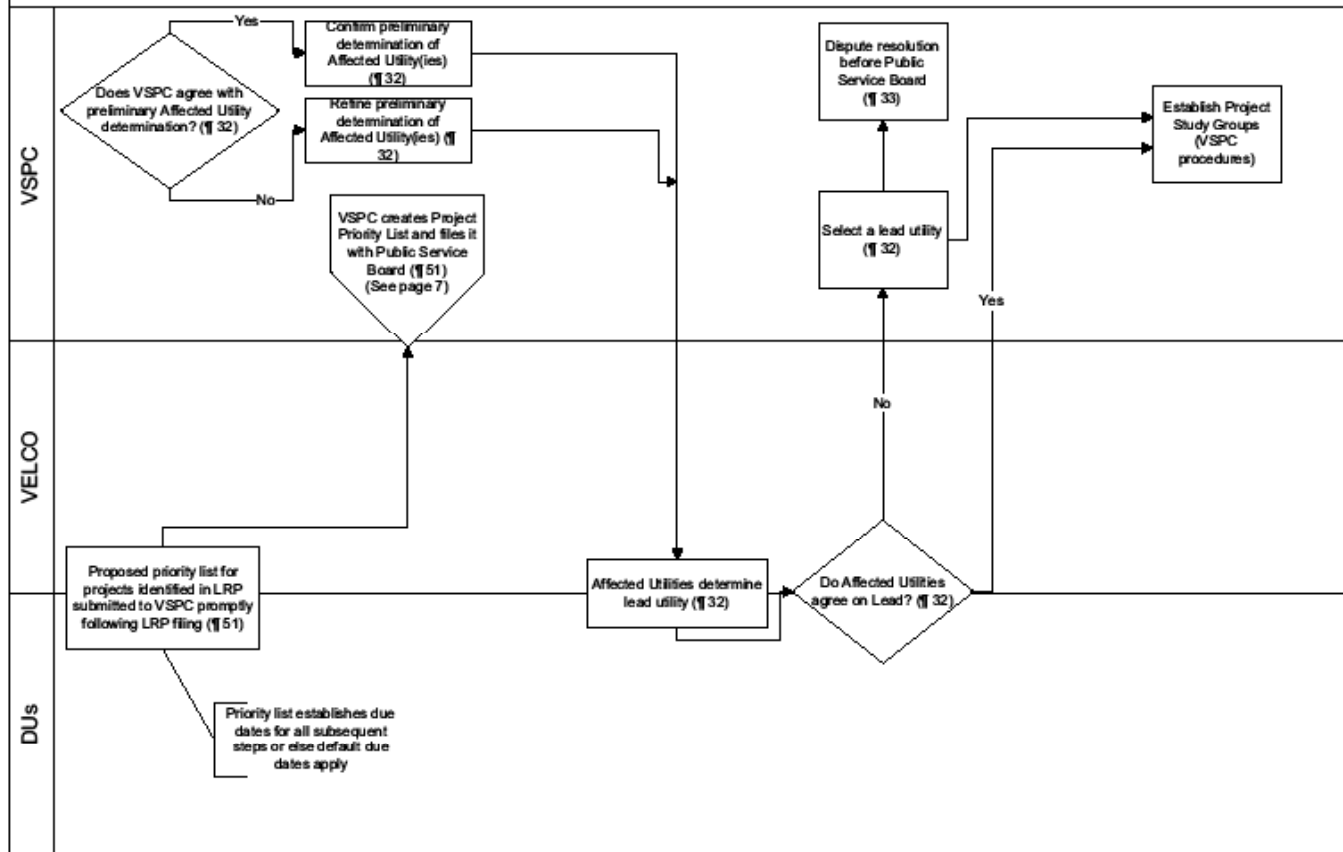


- PSB will hold a workshop with the VSPC on March 25, 2009.
- All VSPC participants and Docket 7081 invited.
- VSPC filed a letter with the Board (distributed and posted) proposing a format for the workshop:
 - Brief reports from each subcommittee chair
 - Open discussion and questions
 - No discussion of specific projects or reliability deficiencies

Technical Coordinating – Next steps after filing of Long-Range Transmission Plan



Docket 7081 Process Description: Project-Specific Analysis.
 Timing: Following filing of VELCO LRP, July 1, 2009



¶ 51: Following the filing of a Plan under 30 V.S.A. § 218c(d), and given a proposal from the Affected Utilities, the VSPC will create a priority list concerning Reliability Deficiencies identified in the Plan, which list shall be promptly filed with the Board for its information along with any comments from VSPC participants.

Next meetings



- **June 10, Capital Plaza, Montpelier,**
- **September 9, Holiday Inn, Rutland**
- **December 9, Burlington**
- **All meetings scheduled 9:30-4:00**

- **Should we retain the same pattern for 2010
(second Wednesday, March, June, Sept,
Dec)?**