

Current Subcommittees/Sub-Groups	Revised Subcommittees/Sub-Groups
Energy Efficiency & Forecasting	Forecasting
	Geotargeting (to encompass both energy efficiency geotargeting and generation geotargeting)
Generation	<i>[to be combined with Geotargeting, see above]</i>
Public Participation	Public Participation
Technical Coordinating	Coordinating
Transmission	<i>[discontinue]</i>
NTA study groups as needed	NTA study groups established by time-limited charters as needed
Other ad hoc groups as needed	Other ad hoc groups established by time-limited charters as needed

Concepts and assumptions reflected in the proposed committee structure:

- More work of the VSPC to be accomplished through the committee of the whole.
- Subcommittees have proven to be most effective when they have explicit tasks to accomplish on known schedules. Standing committees should have continuing or periodic known tasks.
- Technical coordinating would continue for the purpose of advising on the agendas for quarterly meetings. The name should be changed to Coordinating to avoid the confusion caused by the ambiguous word “technical.”
- Forecasting is a central topic that concerns all stakeholders—transmission planners, demand-side providers, and supply-side providers. De-linking forecasting from energy efficiency will more clearly invite all stakeholders into the increasingly critical conversation about forecasting.
- Combining generation geotargeting with energy efficiency geotargeting will ensure against treating different NTA resources in silos, though the combination may result in a large group including engineers, planners, power supply people, energy efficiency providers and generation developers. It is expected that different tasks assigned to the committee may require different participation, so not every member may need to be involved at every stage.
- The charge of the current Energy Efficiency & Forecasting Subcommittee has gotten so broad that the group doesn’t have sufficient time for all the topics its charge encompasses. Splitting the two topics – forecasting from energy efficiency – will help to make the charge of each group more manageable.
- The role of developing annual EE geotargeting recommendations to the PSB would go to the Geotargeting Subcommittee. Geotargeting is the only task that the current EE&F Subcommittee has undertaken that falls outside the rubric of “forecasting.”
- Standing committees under the new structure would be tasked with drafting new charters for approval by the VSPC in March 2013.
- When tasks arise that don’t have a home in the new structure, the VSPC would develop and vote on establishment of ad hoc groups as needed. Establishing an ad hoc would require a charge from the VSPC, including an estimate of how long the ad hoc should remain in existence and what is required for completion of its work.
- Representation on all subgroups would remain structured on a voluntary basis unless otherwise defined by the MOU or necessary to the effective functioning of the group. For example, the MOU places an obligation on all affected DUs to participate in NTA study groups. In other instances, particular sector representatives may be essential to the effectiveness of a sub-group.

- The process flowchart in the Docket 7081 MOU should be re-designed to allow triggering events for the process in addition to the VELCO Long-Range Transmission Plan publication, such as ISO-NE studies and distribution utility identification of issues.
- The Public Participation subcommittee has a very important charge that should remain and be further developed. In addition, identify Public Participation liaisons to other subcommittees may provide a resource to all groups and better integrate consideration of public engagement into all work by the VSPC and increase two-way communication between public participation representatives and technical experts. The template for subcommittee charters should include explicit consideration of how public engagement should be integrated with the work of each subcommittee.

Questions/areas of uncertainty:

- Work remains to define ways the VSPC process can more effectively recognize the role of ISO-NE and the influence of regional activities on Vermont's energy future. Addressing this issue requires balancing among various competing objectives: the need to keep participants informed about important regional issues, stakeholders' prerogatives for advocating their own positions at ISO-NE and the need to be effective advocates for widely held Vermont positions.
- The group recognized the value of improving electronic meeting technology to increase the efficiency of VSPC meeting processes. Geographical challenges have only increased with greater collaboration, the GMP-CVPS merger, and the recognized value of increasing small utilities' and public access to the VPSC process.