

VERMONT SYSTEM PLANNING COMMITTEE

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Stephen Rourke
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Dear Mr. Rourke:

In a letter on July 24, 2008, Gordon van Welie designated you as the contact from ISO New England to the Vermont System Planning Committee (VSPC). His letter responded to a letter from the VSPC on July 15, 2008, advocating parity treatment in regional cost allocation for non-transmission alternatives that address regional system reliability issues.

In his letter, he suggested arranging a meeting last fall. However, during the intervening period, the VSPC has been intensively engaged in the review and public outreach associated with the 2009 Vermont Long-Range Transmission Plan. We are now turning our attention back to the issue that was the subject of our exchange with you last summer.

The VSPC would like to invite you to attend its September 9, 2009, meeting in Rutland, Vermont. While the meeting is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., it is our intention to set aside a two-hour block of time most convenient to you to address the issue of regional funding for non-transmission alternatives.

We would like to make this a two-way discussion in which VSPC members learn more from you about the regional picture and have the opportunity to share what is happening in Vermont. More specifically, we would propose to address:

- A description of the avenues that exist at the regional level for regional funding of NTAs.
- The status of the dialogue around the region regarding cost sharing.
- The challenges posed by the fact that Vermont is the only state in the region with vertically integrated utility service.

Meetings of the VSPC are open to the public and we expect some interest in this topic. In addition, the Public Service Board has been included in all VSPC communication between the VSPC and ISO-NE on this topic, and we would propose to invite them to the meeting as well.

Please let me know whether you are available to join us on September 9, and, if so, your suggestions or questions regarding the discussion framework we have proposed.

Sincerely,

Deena L. Frankel
VSPC Secretary

Cc: James Volz, Vermont Public Service Board Chairman
Gordon van Welie, ISO-New England