

Vermont System Planning Committee  
Geotargeting Subcommittee  
May 30, 2013  
**Meeting Summary**

In Attendance:

Melissa Bailey, VPPSA  
Michael Wickenden, VEIC  
Gillian Eaton, VEIC  
Steve Litkovitz, GMP  
Deena Frankel, VELCO  
Kim Jones, GMP  
Bill Powell, WEC  
TJ Poor, PSD  
Hantz Presume, VELCO  
Gabrielle Stebbins, REV

Agenda:

- Review/Discussion of 5-7-13 Meeting Summary
- Discussion of merged standard offer and energy efficiency geotargeting timelines
- Discussion of VSPC and DUP screening tools in the context of geotargeting
- Next steps

Discussions:

- Review/Discussion of 5-7-13 Meeting Summary
  - No comments were received on the 5-7-13 Meeting Summary. Absent comments received by 6-4-13, the 5-7-13 Meeting Summary will be posted to the VSPC website as drafted.
- Discussion of merged standard offer and energy efficiency geotargeting timeline
  - Reviewed, step-by-step, the draft timeline provided by TJ and Gillian
  - As drafted, the timeline provides an 18-month view. For the most part, annually occurring items that overlap in the second year are not shown.
  - The timeline begins with either the *draft* VELCO LRTP, the results of an ISO-NE needs assessment, or distribution/subtransmission projects identified by the DUs
  - It may be useful to link the term “screening” to a specific screening tool, i.e., 1) the Docket No. 7081 (VSPC) Screening Tool; 2) the Docket No. 6290 (DUP) Screening Tool; or 3) the 3-10 year GT horizon

- The June through September tasks that are shown in the DU lane should also be replicated or somehow placed in the VELCO lane (analysis of bulk transmission projects)
  - Discussion of the term “reliability plan” as it is used in the timeline. Perhaps the reliability plan should pertain to the full suite of EE and GT options available for solving a reliability constraint.
  - One possible presentation of the timeline would be to show all steps, for various tracks, on one 12-month chart rather than overlapping 18-month or two-year cycles.
  - The next version of the timeline will include the November 1<sup>st</sup> annual filing requirement for the DUs geotargeting plan.
  - It might be better to attempt a “blue-sky” approach to reconciling the various VSPC and geotargeting requirements rather than to simply map out and shoe-horn in the existing requirements. However, even if the subcommittee takes this approach in the future, all agree that establishing and mapping the current requirements is a necessary first step.
  - Discussion of changing the timing of the January VSPC filing to the Board to the September/October timeframe with the goal of providing the Board and stakeholders sufficient time for process, planning and implementation.
  - While the timeline shows four months from the identification of a constraint to the presentation of a T or D solution, the DU/VELCO planning processes may not be that precise as T&D solutions tend to come in stages. The process being mapped may need to be flexible to accommodate utility planning realities.
  - The VSPC project specific action plan process and requirements should be added into and recognized in the timeline.
- Discussion of VSPC and DUP screening tools in the context of geotargeting
- Discussion on the use of screening tools just started. Questions that should be addressed in the next meeting include:
    - Should screening for geotargeting use either the Docket No. 7081 (VSPC) Screening Tool or the Docket No. 6290 (DUP) Screening Tool?
    - Should separate tools be used for transmission and distribution?
    - Should the dollar thresholds be the same for transmission and distribution?
    - Should the costs that are considered in screening be overnight capital costs or net present value costs?

Next Steps:

- TJ and Gillian will modify the timeline per the discussions including adding in the VSPC project specific action plan requirements. The updated timeline will be discussed at the next meeting.
- Discussion at the next meeting will include the number of questions raised regarding the use of screening tools.
- Next Meeting: June 20, 9:30, VPPSA