

Vermont Non-Transmission Alternatives Screening Form

For use in screening to determine whether or not a transmission system **reliability issue** requires non-transmission alternatives (NTA) analysis in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding in Docket 7081. Projects intended for energy market-related purposes – “economic” transmission – and other non-reliability-related projects do not fall within the scope of the Docket 7081 process.

Identify the proposed upgrade: <u>Newport Substation Upgrades</u>
Date of analysis: <u>March 10, 2014</u>
1. Does the project meet one of the following criteria that define the term “impracticable” (check all that apply)? a. Needed for a redundant supply to a radial load; or <input type="checkbox"/> b. Maintenance-related, addressing asset condition, operations, or safety; or <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> c. Addressing transmission performance, e.g., addition of high-speed protection or a switch to sectionalize a line; or <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> d. Needed to address stability or short circuit problems; ¹ or <input type="checkbox"/> e. Other technical reason why NTAs are impracticable. Attach detailed justification that must be reviewed by the VSPC. <input type="checkbox"/> <i>If any box above is checked, project screens out of full NTA analysis.</i>
2. What is the proposed transmission project’s need date? <u>NA - the project is not being driven by a need date.</u> <i>If the need for the project is based on existing or imminent reliability criteria violations (i.e., arising within one year based on the controlling load forecast), project screens out of full NTA analysis.</i>

¹ “Stability” refers to the ability of a power system to recover from any disturbance or interruption. Instability can occur when there is a loss of synchronism at one or more generators (rotor angle stability), a significant loss of load or generation within the system (frequency stability), or a reactive power deficiency (voltage stability). Stability problems are influenced by system parameters such as transmission line lengths and configuration, protection component type and speed, reactive power sources and loads, and generator type and configuration. Due to the nature of instability, non-transmission alternatives involving addition of generation or reduction of load will not solve these problems.

3. Could elimination or deferral of all or part of the upgrade be accomplished by a 25% or smaller load reduction or off-setting generation of the same magnitude? (See note.) Yes No

If "no," project screens out of full NTA analysis.

4. Is the likely reduction in costs from the potential elimination or deferral of all or part of the upgrade greater than \$2.5 million. (See note.) Yes No

If "no," project screens out of full NTA analysis.

Sign and date this form.

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Date

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Signature