

## Transmission Committee responses re: committee structure and process

- 1) What do you consider to be the most important activity or activities for which your subcommittee is responsible? (Least important?)

The most important task would be to review transmission studies at a level of detail that is not possible at the quarterly VSPC meetings.

The least important task is to advise the VSPC regarding NTA analyses.

- 2) What should your subcommittee be doing, but hasn't been doing?

The subcommittee should be involved in transmission planning studies. Utilities seem to prefer presenting the transmission and NTA planning studies to the VSPC directly. Therefore, there does not seem to be a need to convene the subcommittee.

- 3) Are there issues your subcommittee is addressing, but which you feel would be better addressed in a different venue?

The subcommittee has not been active in years. Therefore, I would propose that it be formally disbanded.

- 4) Are there important issues that you feel aren't part of your subcommittee's mission and that also are not being addressed elsewhere within the VSPC?

No.

- 5) Are there issues that need discussion/action that you feel the VSPC *cannot* address in its present structure?

No.

- 6) Are results/recommendations from your subcommittee effectively shared and acted upon within the VSPC?

The subcommittee has not been active in years. If it had been active, results/recommendations would have been shared during the quarterly meetings.

- 7) Is the structure, purpose and relationships of and within the VSPC adequately defined to allow your subcommittee to function effectively?

Members prefer to discuss studies at the quarterly meetings. The subcommittee was formed during the early days of the VSPC with the intention of providing a forum for studies to be discussed at a level of detail that would not be possible at the VSPC due to insufficient time. However, in practice, the utilities do not seem to need the peer review process envisioned when the subcommittee was created. NTA studies are performed either by the utility itself or, more recently in the case of the proposed transmission upgrades, by a study group comprised of most of the VSPC members. Bulk transmission planning is conducted by ISO-NE, and review of these studies is performed as part of the Planning Advisory Committee, which includes regional stakeholders, including the VT Board and DPS. Therefore, the need for reviewing transmission or NTA planning studies at the transmission subcommittee has not materialized.

- 1) What do you consider to be the most important activity or activities for which your subcommittee is responsible? (Least important?)

The transmission subcommittee has not been very active over the past several years. In the past, the most important activity was the sharing, among transmission planners at VELCO and the DUs and Department staff, transmission issues throughout the state and traditional transmission alternatives for addressing these issues. This activity allowed for the exchange of ideas among planners and kept the Department informed of the issues and alternatives at an early stage.

- 2) What should your subcommittee be doing, but hasn't been doing?

There would be some value to having the subcommittee meet more often. Of course, adding even more state-wide meetings to peoples' calendars is difficult. Much of the information that was shared through the subcommittee is now shared through other, less formal means and shared directly with the VSPC at quarterly meetings.

- 3) Are there issues your subcommittee is addressing, but which you feel would be better addressed in a different venue?

Not necessarily. However, the sharing of transmission analysis informally and at quarterly meetings can be more efficient than formally convening the transmission subcommittee.

- 4) Are there important issues that you feel aren't part of your subcommittee's mission and that also are not being addressed elsewhere within the VSPC?

No.

- 5) Are results/recommendations from your subcommittee effectively shared and acted upon within the VSPC?

To date, yes.