

Vermont System Planning Committee
Geotargeting Subcommittee
May 7, 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
Brian Cotterill, PSD
Gabrielle Stebbins, REV
Diana Lee, VELCO

Agenda:

This was the first meeting of the newly-formed Geotargeting Subcommittee. The agenda included discussions on the following:

- Review/Discussion of 4-4-13 Meeting Summary
- Update on GT subcommittee participation solicitation process
- Update on standard offer PSB current process
- Discussion of standard offer geotargeting timeline
- Discussion of energy efficiency geotargeting timeline
- Map and Merge two timelines into a product that assigns geotargeting responsibilities to DUs, EEU's, VELCO, GT Subcommittee, and VSPC
- Next steps, including next meeting and upcoming Schedule

Discussions:

- Review/Discussion of 4-4-13 Meeting Summary
 - No comments were received on the 4-4-13 Meeting Summary. Absent comments received by 5-13-13, the 4-4-13 Meeting Summary will be posted to the VSPC website as drafted.

- Update on GT subcommittee participation solicitation process
 - A VSPC-wide solicitation for participation on the Geotargeting Subcommittee has been completed. No additional responses were received.
 - The Public Participation Subcommittee will address participation from the public at its next subcommittee meeting.

- Update on standard offer PSB current process
 - TJ provided an update on the standard offer process. Highlights include the following:
 - The PSB adopted the proposed Screening Framework and Guidelines in its 3-1-13 Order in Docket No. 7873.
 - Pursuant to the Screening Framework and Guidelines, VELCO made a filing on April 1, 2013, on behalf of itself, BED, GMP, VPPSA, and WEC requesting that the Board treat the *Utility Gap Analysis and Process Recommendation* filed on January 11, 2013, as sufficient to fulfill the requirements of the Screening Framework and Guidelines.
 - Comments on the substance of the VELCO filing, and whether the *Utility Gap Analysis and Process Recommendation* is sufficient to fulfill the requirements of the Screening Framework and Guidelines, were due 5-1-13.
 - To date, the only comments that have been filed have been by the DPS which supports the VELCO filing.
 - The PSB will rule in June on an appropriate renewable energy credit (REC) valuation methodology.
 - A brief discussion was held on the recently filed petition by ALLCO Renewable Energy at the FERC. This petition seeks a ruling by the FERC that Vermont's SPEED program is inconsistent with PURPA.

- Discussion of standard offer geotargeting timeline
 - Deena provided an overview of the VSPC three-year cycle and described how this provides inputs into the standard offer geotargeting timeline.
 - Deena then provided an overview of a draft GT standard offer process timeline. This draft timeline is a reflection of Attachment II to the Board's 3-1-13 Order in Docket No. 7873. Discussion ensued on the standard offer process and draft timeline. Highlights include:
 - The timeline should be updated to reflect that constraints can be identified at any time and are not necessarily on a one-year or three-year cycle.
 - Whether it is realistic to meet the April 1st filing date for a standard offer GT recommendation to the Board may depend, in large part, on the scale of the T&D project to be avoided and the particular area that is constrained.
 - There was consensus that the subcommittee should develop an ideal timeline. It was recognized that adoption of such a timeline may require PSB approval.

- Discussion of energy efficiency geotargeting timeline
 - Gillian provided an overview of a draft energy efficiency GT process timeline that did not include specific calendar dates. Discussion ensued; highlights include:
 - The first three boxes on the diagram that includes the DU's initial analyses could possibly be condensed with the timeline shortened.
 - Questions arose as to whether DU IRPs provided meaningful starting points for identifying constrained areas. One thought was that DUs identify such areas on a continuous basis. As such, perhaps a rolling timeline or annual timeline would be appropriate.
 - To the extent that constraints are identified and confirmed with summer peak data in the August/September timeframe, it may not be feasible to provide recommendations for geotargeted areas to the PSB by December 31st.
 - VEIC emphasized that there is perhaps a six-month lag between when the PSB receives a recommendation and when a program is ready for roll-out.

- Map and Merge two timelines into a product that assigns geotargeting responsibilities to DUs, EEU's, VELCO, GT Subcommittee, and VSPC
 - Extensive discussion ensued on the best way to merge the energy efficiency and standard offer geotargeting timelines.
 - TJ provided a first-draft circular flow-chart that attempted to show possible interrelationships between the energy efficiency and standard offer geotargeting timelines.
 - It was recognized that it may be necessary to decouple the GT energy efficiency cycle from the Demand Resource Plan.

- Next steps, including next meeting and upcoming Schedule
 - TJ to attempt to map both the energy efficiency and standard offer geotargeting timelines in a linear "swim lane" format.
 - Deena to compile the various NTA screening criteria including that for the VSPC process, Docket No. 6290 DUP process, and the energy efficiency GT process.
 - The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 30th, 1:30 PM, at the VPPSA offices in Waterbury Center.