

Vermont System Planning Committee  
Geotargeting Subcommittee  
June 20, 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 5-30-13 Meeting Summary
- Screening Tools: Review 7081 and 6290 tools along with comparison table
- GT Process Maps: Review current and proposed state maps
- 2013 Area Selection Process: Transition, how to implement this year?
- Next Steps

Discussions:

- There were no comments on the 5-30-13 Meeting Summary. If no comments are received by Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup> then the comments will be considered final.
- Screening Tools: Review 7081 and 6290 tools together with the comparison table
  - Should screening for geotargeting use either the Docket No. 7081 (VSPC) Screening Tool, the Docket No. 6290 (DUP) Screening Tool, or a third level tool?
    - One of the goals of the process is simplicity and transparency. These two tools, especially the DUP tool, may be hard for a lay reader to follow.
    - On the other hand, the users of the tool are comfortable using the VSPC and DUP tools. Is there really a problem here to be solved? Would it be worth the effort to simplify these tools?

- GMP is ok with both tools; VELCO Planning believes that two tools are appropriate.
    - This issue could be revisited in future years if desired.
    - Perhaps better communication with the public could close any gaps in understanding arising from these tools.
  - Do those tools reflect the timing considerations of the current GT process?
    - The standard offer process approved by the Board considers projects with need dates that are 3 to 10 years out. This time frame does not mesh perfectly with the DUP or VSPC tools.
    - The VSPC Transmission tool contains a 1 year threshold.
    - It is important to note, however, that while the VSPC tool addresses transmission, and there are strict reliability standards associated with transmission, there is more flexibility in addressing distribution constraints.
    - The subcommittee agreed that it is appropriate to continue using the existing screening tools as drafted, and apply the 3 to 10 year criteria to standard offer and energy efficiency in the *resource selection* process.
  - Should the costs that are considered in screening be overnight capital costs or net present value costs?
    - The subcommittee agreed that it will continue to apply overnight capital costs for screening. The Department continues to have some concerns with this approach, however agreed that the issue should be tabled and can be raised at a future date.
- GT Process Maps – Review current and proposed state maps
  - The process map as drafted does not specifically call out the process for Project Specific Action Plans (PSAPs).
  - PSAPs describe a critical path from the screening in of a deficiency to its resolution. A reliability plan, on the other hand, is a step within the PSAP that is required as part of the standard offer process. The Board ultimately decides which projects require reliability plans. However, the concept of reliability plans could be extended beyond simply the standard offer process.
  - Deena, with assistance from Gillian, will develop a Venn diagram explaining the relationship between PSAPs and Reliability Plans.
  - In addition, Deena, with assistance from Gillian, will develop a high-level visualization of the three-year planning process.

- The GT Process Map can be thought of as starting on January 1, 2014 and ending 18 months later at July 1, 2015.
  - TJ stepped the committee through the Draft Proposed version 6-18-13 of the GT Process Map.
    - A “stop GT” recommendation can be brought to a special meeting in October time frame.
    - A proposal was made to have the DUs annual GT report (now due November 1) included as part of the VSPC Annual Report (now filed February 15<sup>th</sup>). This may require DUs to provide its draft reports to the VSPC by mid to late December, or earlier.
  - The subcommittee’s goal is to have a GT Process Map to the full VSPC in September. The subcommittee should start to think of the various components needed for the September meeting package and consider what needs to be brought to the Public Service Board in terms of information and proposed process.
  - Components needed for the September VSPC quarterly meeting:
    - Two diagrams (Deena with Gillian)
    - Updated GT Process Map (TJ)
    - Slides explaining changes and process (TJ)
    - Draft of memo from VSPC to PSB (TJ)
  
- 2013 Area Selection Process: Transition, how to implement this year?
  - Utilities to bring new constraints based on the summer peaks
  - In addition, GMP should revisit the Southern Loop, Susie Wilson, Brattleboro, Rutland, and St. Albans areas
  - GMP to develop a Reliability Plan for St. Albans, Rutland areas using tool developed by John Plunkett. St. Albans area Reliability Plan due October 1<sup>st</sup> to the PSB.
  
- Next Meetings:
  - July 23<sup>rd</sup> , 2:00 to 4:00, DPS Giga:
    - Continued discussion on the GT Process
  - August 15<sup>th</sup> , 1:30 to 4:00, GMP Colchester in Training Room:
    - Finalize the GT Process and discuss GMP’s findings on St. Albans distribution and Rutland transmission.