

VSPC PROCESS IMPROVEMENT GROUP

VSPC ROLES MATRIX [DISCUSSION DRAFT]

The following matrix was developed at the May 3 meeting of the Ad Hoc Process Improvement Group meeting in seeking to clarify what participants think the roles of the VSPC *are* and *should be* going forward. The group agreed the matrix would be circulated to the full ad hoc group following the May 3 meeting to be filled out by participants and discussed at the next meeting.

There are two possible ways to fill this matrix out: reflecting the current state and/or reflecting how you think the VSPC should function. If you choose to address both of these states, you may want to color code or otherwise delineate which items are “as is” and which are “should be.”

A new category of VSPC action has been added to the row labels. Originally the possible actions by the VSPC included “decide” and “convene.” In some cases, the MOU gives the VSPC an explicit advisory role, so that category has been added.

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VSPC action	Roles clearly delegated by 7081 MOU	Roles that result from MOU provisions but are not clearly delegated	Other roles that have been or could/should be undertaken by the VSPC
Decide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * ID class of deficiency (bulk, subsystem, etc.) * ID Lead DU to conduct NTA analysis * Develop project-specific action plan for each deficiency * Select areas for focused NTA consideration * Report to PSB and DPS re: status of reliability deficiencies and work to address them * Complete report on CHP, DG potential (done) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Define terms in the MOU (“imminent” “clearly impracticable”, “uneconomic”) * Develop NTA Screening Tool used in Step 3A (“Preliminary NTA Analysis”) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Charge VELCO to begin analysis of a reliability deficiency identified outside of the VELCO LRTP (e.g. by ISO-NE), and charge a Lead DU to conduct project-specific action plan if the deficiency screens for such.
Advise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Recommend changes to the transmission planning process * Facilitate dispute resolution among utilities re: reliability * Advisory votes/facilitate agreement re: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Affected Utility determinations * Solutions to reliability deficiencies incl. cost alloc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Recommendation to the PSB of geotargeted areas for DSM to defer load growth related reliability investments (re: P.61) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Recommendation to the PSB with regard to geotargeting efficiency to avoid or defer <i>distribution</i> upgrades * Make recommendations to ISO-NE on relevant issues as a coordinated entity
Convene	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Coordinate info and comments from utilities for VELCO LRTP * Engage public in transmission planning (in general and for specific projects/plans) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Coordinate info and comments from DPS and others stakeholders for VELCO LRTP * Serve as a venue for discussion and coordination of VT stakeholder participation the ISO-NE planning processes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Take over the role (technical coordination) of the VT Utility Planning Group (in contrast to P.84) * Serve as venue for VT utilities & stakeholder discussion of T&D benefits of standard offer projects * Serve as a venue for VT utilities or energy companies to share their thinking re: upcoming projects * Serve as a venue for members to provide feedback on other planning documents, such as the EEU’s 20-year plan or DPS’s energy planning documents * Serve as a mechanism for PSB high level engagement in regional transmission issues (done to some extent, could be done to greater degree) * Serve as a venue for general information sharing/education for VT utilities on various technologies, options, energy policy, etc.

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