

# Vermont System Planning Committee CHARTER

## Purpose

The **Vermont System Planning Committee (VSPC)**<sup>1</sup> is a collaborative body comprised of representatives of stakeholder groups with an interest in electric system reliability. Its purpose is to ensure full, fair, and timely consideration of all societally cost-effective solutions to resolve electric grid reliability issues.

In fulfilling its purpose, the VSPC shall undertake the following objectives:

1. Collaborate with and provide formal input to VELCO in the development and review of the **Vermont Long-Range Transmission Plan (LRTP)** as established in the **Docket 7081 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)** and such other processes as may be adopted.
2. Jointly review known reliability issues (**transmission, subtransmission and distribution**) at least once annually to encourage shared insight and facilitate collaboration among electric grid stakeholders.
3. Carry out the functions assigned to the VSPC for screening and analysis of **Non-Wires Alternative** potential as established in the MOU and the **Docket 7874 Screening Framework**.
4. Enhance transparency and public engagement in electric system planning.
5. Provide a forum for the discussion and analysis of the impacts of emerging trends on the behavior of Vermont's electric energy load, including electrification of different end-uses, the installation of storage capacity, demand response measures, distributed generators, merchant projects, and others.
6. Seek consensus on the Vermont load forecast to support LRTP development.
7. Monitor the installation and impacts of **Distributed Energy Resources (DER)** to provide broadly shared insight about DER integration and support the development of tools and processes needed to plan for and maintain reliability in an increasingly modernized and intelligent electric grid.
8. Provide a forum for utilities and partners to share plans for managing load and infrastructure, and allow for peer-to-peer learning through discussion of shared experiences.
9. Maintain regular communication with **ISO New England** to increase Vermont stakeholder and ISO New England understanding of mutually relevant issues, such as forecasting and grid management.

In carrying out this charter, the VSPC will recognize the utility-specific obligations in individual utility **Integrated Resource Plans (IRPs)** and statewide energy policy.

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<sup>1</sup> Terms in bold can be found in the VSPC glossary at <http://www.vermontspc.com/charter-glossary>

## Deliverables

#	Related purpose	Current task?	Tasks/deliverables (current and potential)
1	1, 4, 6	Yes	Provide formal input to the LRTP as required by the MOU.
2	1, 4, 6	Yes	Provide input to the Vermont load forecast.
3	2, 3, 4, 7	Yes	Annually review utility NWA screenings and make geographic targeting recommendations for energy efficiency and standard offer above the cap to the Public Service Board.
4	4	Yes	Recommend candidates for PSB appointments to public seats.
5	4	No	Identify and address gaps (if any) in current membership structure and stakeholder representation
6	4	Yes	Maintain transparency of the VSPC through a VSPC website and adherence to VSPC procedures for meeting notice and open meetings.
7	3, 4, 7	Partial	Maintain a regularly updated, easily understood, publicly available tracking tool for the status of all screened reliability issues.
8	4, 5, 8	Yes	Provide information about policy, programmatic and technological developments, such as FERC Orders, Vermont rule and legislative changes, and research projects.
9	4, 5, 7	Yes	Provide a forum for sharing of utility IRPs.
10	4, 5, 7	No	Monitor emerging grid transformations and consider whether the VSPC has a value-added role to play in evaluating impacts and/or adapting to specific changes as they emerge.
11	3, 4, 5, 7	Partial	Modify project screening tools as needed/when necessary to ensure continued consistency with purpose and objectives.