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STATE OF VERMONT  
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Docket No. 7081

Investigation into Least-Cost Integrated Resource )  
Planning for Vermont Electric Power Company, Inc.'s )  
Transmission System )

Order entered: 4/15/2010

**ORDER RE REQUEST FOR SOLE-SOURCE CONTRACT**

On March 19, 2010, the Village of Northfield Electric Department ("Northfield") filed a letter requesting "that the [Public Service] Board give its approval for the [Vermont System Planning Committee ("VSPC")] to proceed with a sole source contract with [Vermont Energy Investment Corporation ("VEIC")] for Component 1 of the statewide potential DSM study required by the Docket 7081 [Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU")], notwithstanding the provision of Attachment F, subparagraph (1) requiring [a Request for Proposals]."

On March 29, 2010, the Board issued a memorandum setting a deadline of April 6, 2010, for comments on Northfield's request.

On April 1, 2010, the VSPC filed a letter reiterating Northfield's request. The VSPC represented that the signatories to the Docket 7081 MOU support the requested action.

On April 6, 2010, the Vermont Department of Public Service ("Department") filed a letter supporting Northfield's and the VSPC's request.

No other comments were filed.

Northfield, the VSPC, and the Department note that allowing the requested sole-source contract with VEIC will likely result in a less expensive and more timely work product, and will promote consistency with Efficiency Vermont's<sup>1</sup> "Forecast 20." For these reasons, we grant Northfield's and the VSPC's request for a sole-source contract.

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1. VEIC is the entity currently serving as Efficiency Vermont.

**SO ORDERED.**

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 15th day of April, 2010.

s/James Volz )  
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s/David C. Coen )  
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