

VERMONT SYSTEM PLANNING COMMITTEE

October 4, 2013

Mrs. Susan Hudson, Clerk
Vermont Public Service Board
112 State Street
Montpelier, VT 05612

RE: Filing of VSPC Geographic Targeting Process
Improvement Analysis

Dear Mrs. Hudson:

On behalf of the Vermont System Planning Committee (VSPC), I am writing to submit the attached Geographic Targeting Process Improvement Analysis for the Board's consideration. This filing is the product of work undertaken in spring and summer 2013 by the Geographic Targeting Subcommittee of the VSPC to identify ways to better coordinate the requirements of three public policy streams:

- Reliability planning for the transmission and distribution system through the Docket 7081 Memorandum of Understanding.
- Geographic targeting of energy efficiency.
- Recommendations for areas where standard offer generation could provide "sufficient benefit" to warrant capacity above the annual cap, as established in Docket 7873.

The process improvements described in this filing appear to have limited need for formal Board action. However, because the processes being coordinated and streamlined involve formal regulatory frameworks that more broadly relate to ongoing Board proceedings, the VSPC requests that the Board schedule a workshop to review this filing. In addition, two recommendations cannot be implemented without Board action. One is already a subject of the EEU-2013-05, related to formally conducting energy efficiency geotargeting processes outside of the Demand Resources Plan proceeding. The second is related to the timing of the filing of Distribution Utility geotargeted area plans. According to the Board's February 16, 2012 Order in Docket No. EEU-2010-06 at page 6, a distribution utility's plans for energy efficiency geotargeting for the following year are to be filed with the Board at the same time as the Energy Efficiency Utility's (EEU's) Annual Plan. In the case of the state-wide EEU, this Annual Plan is filed on November 1. The November 1 filing date for DU energy efficiency is not consistent with the proposed process changes, which contemplate DU Reliability Plan updates annually in conjunction with the VSPC Annual Report. The VSPC believes that authority from the Board would be required to change the date for a DU's plans for energy efficiency geotargeting.

This VSPC filing includes the following components:

Geographic Targeting Process Improvement Analysis (memo)
Geographic targeting Process Map
VELCO Long-Range Transmission Plan 3-year drafting, publication and review cycle map
Process coordination: Docket 7081 & Docket 7873 graphic

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Discussion with regard to this filing could potentially be added to agenda for the October 8 workshop on the Docket 7873 "Screening Framework and Guidelines" At that time, or as the Board sees fit, we look forward to the opportunity to discuss this process improvement effort with appropriate Board staff.

Sincerely,

Deena L Frankel

Deena L. Frankel, Secretary
Vermont System Planning Committee

Attachments