

Non-Transmission Alternatives Analysis Process, Affected Utilities & Timeline

The Project Priority List adopted in February by the VSPC identifies four projects that are scheduled to be addressed between now and the 2012 Long-Range Plan and that “screened in” for full NTA analysis. The following chart shows the due date for the NTA analysis, the lead utility and the affected utilities.

From Project Priority List	NTA Due Date	Lead Utility/ Affected Utilities
Priority 4: South Rutland substation/transformer	12/31/2010	CVPS/ CVPS
Priority 6: Hartford transformer	9/30/2011	CVPS/ GMP
Priority 15: Ascutney-Ascutney Tap K-149 Line	6/30/2011 (may be affected by regional analysis)	CVPS/ All VT DUs, NU, NGrid
Priority 16: Coolidge-Ascutney K-32 line	6/30/2011 (may be affected by regional analysis)	CVPS/ All VT DUs, NU, NGrid, NY
Priority 17: Ascutney transformer	9/30/2011	CVPS/ CVPS, Ludlow for substation

At the 3/10/2010 VSPC meeting, the group agreed that the Lead Utility (CVPS in all cases) will contact the Affected Utilities to initiate the NTA Analysis process.

The group also asked for a recap of the requirements on lead and affected utilities from the Docket 7081 Memorandum of Understanding. The relevant provision follows.

Docket 7081 MOU Provisions Regarding Obligations for Carrying Out NTA Analysis

Step 8 – Perform Detailed NTA Analysis

33. Vermont Utilities are responsible for integrating consideration of NTAs into the analysis of solutions to Reliability Deficiencies related to Transmission facilities. To help facilitate least-cost planning responsibilities of the Vermont Utilities with respect to Transmission facilities under 30 V.S.A. § 218c, each Affected DU agrees to supply the human and financial resources and information necessary to conduct or oversee the conduct of detailed NTA Analysis, including identification of alternatives, with respect to the Reliability Deficiencies identified in the Plan. For each Reliability Deficiency, or grouping of Reliability Deficiencies, the Affected Utilities shall identify a Lead DU among themselves responsible for ensuring that detailed NTA analyses are completed in a timely manner in accordance with this MOU. Selection of a Lead DU shall not preclude any Affected DU from supplying personnel to assist in an NTA Analysis.... Any DU assigned by the VSPC to complete a detailed NTA Analysis shall be entitled to recover from the Affected DUs an appropriate allocation of the costs associated with such analysis as part of any cost allocation agreements entered into in relation to the project. To the extent that a Vermont

Utility, other than the Lead DU, fails to meet the obligations of this paragraph and such failure causes a Lead DU to be unable to complete the NTA Analysis in a timely manner under this Step 8, said Lead DU shall not be liable for penalties or disallowances or to other Vermont Utilities for such failure, provided the Lead DU otherwise has made all reasonable efforts to complete the NTA Analysis in a timely manner....

Detailed requirements for completing a full NTA analysis can be found in the [Docket 7081 MOU](#), Paragraphs 33-49 (pages 13-19).

<http://psb.vermont.gov/docketsandprojects/electric/7081/memorandumofunderstanding>