

VERMONT SYSTEM PLANNING COMMITTEE

September 21, 2011

Mrs. Susan Hudson, Clerk
Vermont Public Service Board
112 State Street
Montpelier, VT 05620

Re: EEU-2010-06 Next steps in Geotargeting

Dear Mrs. Hudson:

On August 23, 2011, Walter (TJ) Poor, chairman of the Vermont System Planning Committee (VSPC) Energy Efficiency & Forecasting Subcommittee (EE&F), proposed a schedule under which the VSPC would either file geographical targeting (GT) recommendations with the Public Service Board (Board) by September 21 (following the September quarterly VSPC meeting), or would update the Board regarding the ongoing process of developing recommendations, and propose an alternative schedule. The VSPC was not able to finalize GT recommendations at its quarterly meeting September 14, and we are writing to propose a schedule to the Board for the remaining steps in the GT territory-selection process.

The EE&F Subcommittee has developed, and the VSPC proposes to the Board, the following schedule:

October 6	EE&F meets to review further analysis now being completed by distribution utilities of potential GT areas
October 12	If EE&F recommends that no areas be geo-targeted, VSPC files a letter reflecting this recommendation to the Board.
If GT areas <u>are</u> recommended at this stage of analysis:	
Oct 12- November 1	EE&F conducts further analysis with regards to more detailed efficiency potential on affected circuits, incremental budget necessary
Early November	EE&F meets to review detailed efficiency analysis and make final selection
November 30	EE&F recommends GT areas (if any) and budgets to VSPC. If at this further stage of analysis no GT areas are recommended, the VSPC files a letter reflecting this recommendation to the Board.
December 14	VSPC acts on EE&F recommendations

December 19	VSPC proposes GT areas and budgets to the Board
December 30	Comments due on VSPC proposed GT areas and budgets
By January 6, 2012	Workshop on VSPC proposed GT areas and budgets
~January 27, 2012	Board order establishing GT areas and budgets

Although this schedule does not produce a final result until the first quarter of 2012, it reflects a focused analytical process, involving VELCO, the distribution utilities and Efficiency Vermont (EVT), to ensure that the recommendations reflect a systematic, transparent approach to GT area selection that will work with EVT's program planning needs for 2012 and beyond.

Efficiency Vermont and the Department of Public Service, as integral members of the EE&F and part of this process, have reviewed this proposed schedule and its potential effects on Efficiency Vermont's current and future GT initiatives. Efficiency Vermont has assured the EE&F that given this advanced notice and Efficiency Vermont's anticipated active participation in the proposed process, this schedule does not present significant GT implementation problems that cannot be resolved. The Department has asserted that the same is true regarding regulatory requirements of the Order of Appointment under which Efficiency Vermont is operated.

Respectfully submitted,



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VSPC Secretary

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