

## VERMONT SYSTEM PLANNING COMMITTEE

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January 13, 2010

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

RE: VSPC request for annual report filing extension

Dear Mrs. Hudson:

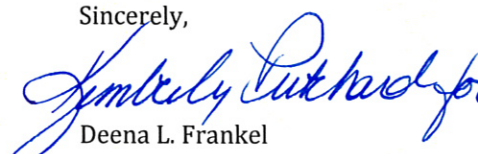
The Vermont System Planning Committee (VSPC) is required by Paragraph 89 of the Docket 7081 Memorandum of Understanding to submit an annual report to the Public Service Board by January 15 of each year providing a status report on reliability deficiencies in the Long-Range Transmission Plan, and the dates and locations of VSPC meetings held during the preceding year. The purpose of this letter is to request a one month extension, to February 15, 2010, for the filing of the annual report of 2009 activities. By securing this extension, the annual report can be filed immediately following the completion of an updated Project Priority List that tracks the 2009 Vermont Long-Range Transmission Plan. This will ensure that the report is maximally current, meaningful and informative.

Paragraph 89 requires an annual report on each Reliability Deficiency identified to date. The MOU provides for a series of milestones in addressing each deficiency: (1) transmission analysis, (2) non-transmission alternative (NTA) analysis, (3) solution selection, (4) cost allocation, and (5) implementation strategy. The deadlines for each of the five steps are established, and filed with the Board, following each long-range plan filing in a "Project Priority List" as required by Paragraph 51 of the MOU.

The VSPC has been working on the Project Priority List since shortly after the 2009 Vermont Long-Range Transmission Plan was filed July 1, 2009. We expect to adopt a final list at a special meeting in late January or early February. The MOU does not provide a deadline for this filing, but adoption of the list is critical to the next steps in the Docket 7081 process.

In order to maximize the value of the information in the annual report and to conform it to the Project Priority List that will be in effect for the next three years, the VSPC respectfully requests an extension of the filing deadline for the annual report of 2009 activities to February 15, 2010. I will be happy to provide any additional information the Board may require for its consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Deena L. Frankel  
VSPC Secretary

Cc: VSPC members

Docket 7081 Parties