

Vermont System Planning Committee
Forecasting Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
November 8, 2018 | 9:30am
Vermont Public Power Supply Authority, Waterbury

In attendance:

- Hantz Presume, VELCO
- Lou Cecere, VELCO
- Shana Louiselle, VELCO
- Eric Harrold, VELCO
- Andrew Quint, GMP
- Mike Leach, BED
- TJ Poore, VPPSA
- Bill Powell, WEC
- Jay Pilliod, VEIC
- Michael Wickenden, Residential Representative to VSPC
- Leigh Seddon, Energy Action Network

Leadership transition – Shana Louiselle shared that the Forecasting Subcommittee needs a chair and co-chair to help set agendas, facilitate meetings, and guide conversations to advance the forecasting role for the Long-Range Transmission Plan. Interested members should speak with VSPC staff.

Forecasting Charter – Bill Powell suggested to keep in mind the changes from the Geographic Targeting subcommittee, in case it should overlap with the forecasting subcommittee's charter.

Jay Pilliod added there are different scenarios that will need to be run in the face of constraints, and other factors, during the load forecasting work. Going forward the subcommittee should look at location of interconnection, constraints, what ifs, and other possible approaches.

The subcommittee discussed adding an economic lens to the forecasting criteria. The GT screening tools are restricted to load-growth criteria. The Forecasting Subcommittee has flexibility to look at economic alternatives and demonstrate the impact on the grid.

Long-Range Transmission Plan Schedule – the subcommittee discussed building more time into the schedule to develop scenarios that look at both economic and reliability criterion. VSPC staff will reach out to the Public Service Department to see if they will have an economic outlook available.

Other recommendations include:

- Move ISO-New England forecast review earlier to March or April and have the subcommittee review in draft form
- Coordinate with GT subcommittee earlier than October, possibly August to understand expectations and value of collaboration. meeting together.
- Develop draft forecast by July timeframe instead of November.
- Develop a two-year schedule to look out past 2021.
- Modify the charter to be illustrative of process and avoid iterative changes at each planning cycle.
- The subcommittee should have a better understanding of the shape of efficiency savings and apply it to forecasts as well as energy storage growth, and the programs implemented by utilities.

Other comments – The EAN dashboard will be updated and available by mid-March. The VSPC annual report could be a place for the forecasting subcommittee to discuss forecasting issues and evolution of the committee.

Next meeting -

- Hantz Presume will draft a schedule to propose to committee.
- Shana Louiselle will send a word version of the most recent charter for comments and edits. The subcommittee will review updated charter at the next meeting in 2019.