



**Draft Meeting Minutes  
October 27, 2021  
Virtual Conference**

The Vermont System Planning Committee held a virtual conference on October 27, 2021. Shana Louiselle called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

**Steve Litkovitz moved to approve the July 21, 2021 minutes, and Mike Wickenden seconded. The minutes were approved without objection.**

### **Introductions**

A list of attendees by sector appears at the end of these minutes.

### **Geotargeting Subcommittee**

Ms. Louiselle reported that the Geographical Targeting Subcommittee reviewed the geotargeting recommendation letter to the Vermont Public Utility Commissions (PUC). Ms. Louiselle reviewed the draft letter and asked for questions and comments before moving to approval of the draft as distributed.

**Steve Litkovitz moved and Melissa Bailey seconded approval of the GT recommendations, where were approved without objection.**

The recommendations will be filed with the PUC by January 15, 2021. [Note: the letter was filed on November 16, 2021.]

### **Forecasting Subcommittee**

Shana Louiselle reported that the Forecasting Subcommittee met in August to discuss the ISO-New England (ISO) CELT forecast, and other data sources that should be considered in the 2023 forecasting effort, including the adoption of medium-duty vehicles (e.g. trucks & buses), cold-climate heat pumps, and flexible resources. The Subcommittee will meet again in 2022 to continue the discussion in advance of the forecasting effort for the next cycle of the Long-Range Transmission Plan.

### **Coordinating Subcommittee**

Shana Louiselle reported that the VSPC will continue to meet remotely for the January and April 2022 meetings, and the Coordinating Subcommittee will reassess returning to in-person meetings prior to the July meeting.

The 2022 VSPC meeting schedule is as follows:

January 26, 2022 – virtual  
April 20, 2022 – virtual  
July 20, 2022 – TBD  
October 26, 2022 – TBD

## **Vermont Comprehensive Energy Plan and Climate Action Plan Update**

TJ Poor, DPS Director of Energy Efficiency & Energy Resources, provided an update on the work underway to develop the Comprehensive Energy Plan and the Vermont Climate Action Plan. While both plans overlap, they remain distinct planning requirements with different objectives. Both plans will outline high level pathways on how to meet their goals. The draft Comprehensive Energy Plan will be ready in a few weeks, and a provisionally adopted plan will be sent to the Legislature on January 15, 2022, with space to make changes after the public process for the Climate Action Plan is complete. The Climate Action Plan (CAP) draft will be available on December 1, 2021. A public process is scheduled to begin in December and go through March 2022, with a revised CAP plan expected in the spring 2022.

### **Regional Update**

Molly Connors, Vermont External Affairs Representative for ISO-NE, provide updates on several future grid studies including the Future Grid Reliability Study (Phase 1 & 2), the Pathways to the Future Grid (market analysis), the Transmission Planning for the Clean Energy Transition, and the 2050 Transmission Study. Ms. Connors provided an update on ISO's annual forecasting process, sharing that the ISO has been reviewing and enhancing methodologies as it continues to create updated forecasts. In the 2021 CELT report, the forecast focused on the adoption of light-duty vehicles (LDV). In the 2022 CELT, ISO plans to expand the scope of vehicles included in the forecast, explore the refinements to weather sensitivity of LDV charging profiles, and develop updated projections of electric vehicle adoption for each state. [See ISO-NE presentation for details.](#)

### **Presentation: FERC's Transmission Reform: Interregional Planning, Generator Interconnection, and Cost Allocation Initiative**

Riley Allen, Vermont Public Utility Commissioner and FERC/NARUC Task Force on Transmission member, provided a presentation on FERC's Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANOPR) on electric transmission reform and his role as one of the ten regulators selected to serve on the first-of-its-kind task force between FERC and National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC).

The Transmission Task Force, established in June 2021 in Docket AD21-15-000 will focus on topics related to planning and paying for transmission, including transmission to facilitate generator interconnection that provides benefits from a federal and state perspective. The first meeting will take place on November 10 and will be broadcast live.

In July, FERC issued an ANOPR to broadly examine FERC's current electric regional transmission planning, cost allocation, and generator interconnection policies, and seeks public comment on the potential need for reforms or revisions to existing regulations to improve electric regional transmission planning and cost allocation and generator interconnection processes.

Mr. Allen's full presentation can be viewed [here](#).

## **Federal transmission-related legislation update**

Kerrick Johnson, VELCO Chief Innovation and Communications Officer, provided an overview of the \$1.2 trillion bipartisan infrastructure bill currently under congressional consideration and the potential funding for Vermont energy projects. A group of Vermont energy partners developed a collaborative ask in April to share with Vermont's Congressional Delegation to showcase Vermont's readiness for energy infrastructure projects. In addition, VELCO worked with a consultant to identify distinct funds that would be allocated for projects focused on three areas, 1) interregional transmission that helps move renewable energy; 2) energy storage; 3) and resilience measures that better prepare for more extreme weather events. The bill is expected to pass before the end of the year.

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## Attendance

\* Indicates voting member

\*\* Indicates alternate

### Public Sector

- \*Michael Wickenden, Residential representative
- \*\*Tim Duggan, Residential representative
- \*\*Jeff Forward, Commercial representative

### Transmission Utility (VELCO)

- \*Hantz Pr sum , VELCO
- \*\*Frank Etori, VELCO

### Distribution Utilities Providing Transmission (GMP, VEC)

- \*Steve Litkovitz, GMP
- \*\*Doug Smith, GMP

### Large Transmission-Dependent Distribution Utilities (BED, WEC)

- \*Bill Powell, WEC
- \*Munir Kasti, BED

### Transmission Dependent Distribution Utilities (Municipals)

- \*Melissa Bailey, VPPSA

### Supply & Demand Resources

- \*Dave Westman, EVT
- \*\*Derek Moretz, Supply representative

### Non-Voting Members

- TJ Poor, DPS
- Philip Picotte, DPS

### Staff

- Shana Louiselle, VELCO
- Lou Cecere, VELCO

### Guests

- Andrea Cohen, VEC
- Andy Elliston, BED
- Anne Margolis, DPS
- Betsy Bloomer, VELCO
- Bonnie Lamond, Highview Power
- Brad Williams, BED
- Claire McIlvennie, DPS
- Craig Kieny, VEC
- Dan Potter, VEC
- Dan Kopin, Utility Services
- Jay Pilliod, VEIC
- John Woodward, Dynamic Organics
- Julia Leopold, VPPSA
- Kerrick Johnson, VELCO
- Kim Jones, GMP
- Marc Allen, VELCO
- Michael Lazorchak, SED
- Molly Connors, ISO-NE
- Morgan Casella, Dynamic Organics
- Paul Lambert, VEIC
- Peter Sterling, REV
- Riley Allen, PUC
- Shawn Enterline, VPPSA
- Tom Lyle, BED
- Ryan Darlow, VERA
- William Jerome