

VERMONT SYSTEM PLANNING COMMITTEE

DATE

The Honorable James Volz
The Honorable John Burke
The Honorable David Coen
Vermont Public Service Board
112 State Street
Montpelier, VT 05620-2701

Dear Messrs. Volz, Burke and Coen:

The purpose of this letter is to request an opportunity for the Vermont System Planning Committee (VSPC) to meet with the Public Service Board to discuss informally the implementation of the Docket 7081 process and the progress to date in establishing the VSPC.

As the Board is aware, the settlement in Docket 7081 established a new process for stakeholder involvement in transmission planning that has far-reaching implications for the way utilities and other parties work together and the way the public is involved in the process. Because this process represents significant change, we think it is essential that we keep the Board fully informed and aware of how the process is developing, its successes and practical impacts. Such communication will be an important foundation as transmission projects cycle through the VSPC and begin to come before the Board in the Section 248 process. Meeting with the Board now would be particularly timely because it would occur prior to any 248 filings regarding projects that have actually been through the full VSPC process, and therefore no issue of conflict regarding the specific cases would arise.

The VSPC requests an opportunity to meet with the Board in an informal session that would cover the following agenda, organized around the subcommittee structure of the VSPC:

- Organizational structure and process
- Procedures
- Technical Coordinating
- Transmission
- Energy Efficiency & Forecasting
- Generation
- Public Participation
- Study Groups

We would propose a presentation of one hour, followed by a question-and-answer period. Please let us know if the Board has questions that should be incorporated into this agenda.

We look forward to the opportunity to talk with you about scheduling of an informal discussion between the Board and the VSPC.

Respectfully submitted,

Deena L. Frankel, Secretary