



VSPC Geographic Targeting Subcommittee Meeting
April 8, 2026
Draft Meeting Minutes

Attendees: **BED:** Tom Lyle; James Gibbons; Jorgen DeJarlais; Paul Nadeau **DPS:** Lou Cecere **EVT:** Dave Westman; Jay Pilliod **GMP:** Cam Tworag, Kamran Hassan; **Ludlow:** Chris Recchia, Brett Sanderson; **VEC:** Michael Beaulieu, Paul Pikna; **VELCO:** Shana Louiselle, Lucas Looman, Zakia El Omari; Khalid Osman **WEC:** JJ Vandette **Public Members:** Morgan Casella

The Geographic Targeting Subcommittee met to review Green Mountain Power's draft reliability plan for northern and northwestern Vermont areas identified in the Long Range Transmission Plan. GMP presented the draft as an evolution of the project-specific action plan, focused on leveraging existing demand-side resources, particularly EV charging programs and storage, to address forecasted reliability needs.

- Participants agreed the underlying technical analysis is solid, particularly regarding EV load flexibility and storage contribution.
- A key discussion point was the level of detail needed in the plan: whether it should only document current capabilities or more explicitly describe how programs would be modified to meet reliability needs.
- The Department requested more specificity on implementation, including:
 - How load shifting would be operationalized
 - How time-of-use structures or program design might change
- Other participants cautioned against over-specifying future actions, noting uncertainty across utilities and the evolving nature of program design and adoption.
- The group discussed recent reductions in EV load forecasts and whether that reduces or defers the identified transmission need, with GMP emphasizing the importance of documenting how updated information is incorporated.
- Utilities described existing and expanding load control capabilities, noting that EV programs, and in some cases other demand response tools, are increasingly capable of dynamic or time-based management.
- The Department provided feedback that the plan should clearly distinguish between:
 - Existing programs
 - Modified programs
 - Potential future programs

- The group's feedback recommended the draft should be revised to better explain how program modifications could be used to address the reliability need while still reflecting uncertainty across utilities.
 - GMP will revise the draft plan to incorporate feedback and circulate an updated version before the next VSPC meeting.
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Next steps

1. GMP will revise reliability plan draft to send to the GTS, and present to the VSPC at the April quarterly meeting.
2. The reliability plan will be filed with the PUC in May
3. These reliability areas will remain on future GT and VSPC agendas for updates in April, July, and October 2026.
4. The Subcommittee will meet next in late May/early June to perform the annual project review.