



State of Vermont
Public Service Board

MEMORANDUM

To: EEU E-mail Service List

From: Judith C. Whitney, Deputy Clerk of the Board

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Re: EEU-2010-06 - Track C - Geo-targeting funding, areas, annual plans

Date: February 8, 2013

In an Order dated February 16, 2012, the Vermont Public Service Board ("Board") reconsidered and clarified the electric efficiency budgets for 2012-2014 available for geographic targeting of energy efficiency services ("GT" or "geo-targeting") by Efficiency Vermont, and the process for funding such services in the future. The Board stated:

"[W]e again direct Board staff to convene a proceeding to investigate the appropriate funding mechanism(s) for any future GT programs. We request that the [Vermont System Planning Committee] provide a recommendation or status update on its evaluation of appropriate funding sources and budgets for GT areas by July 6, 2012". (Order at 9)

The Vermont System Planning Committee ("VSPC") provided several status updates regarding its progress in considering this issue, and on October 24, 2012, filed its recommendation regarding funding sources. Any comments regarding the VSPC's recommendation and on any appropriate Board process regarding future GT funding should be filed with the Board and stakeholders no later than February 22, 2013. Any reply comments should be filed by March 8, 2013.

In addition, the Board noted in the February 16, 2012, Order that "the VSPC [Energy Efficiency and Forecasting] Subcommittee proposes to monitor identified areas annually, and to provide the Board with updates on its recommendations" (Order at 6). Accordingly, the Board requested "that the VSPC provide the Board with updates to the VSPC GT area recommendations no later than December 31 of each year" (Order at 6). On December 31, 2012, the VSPC submitted its recommendations for areas to be geo-targeted during 2013. Any comments regarding the VSPC's recommendations should be filed with

the Board and stakeholders no later than February 22, 2013. Any reply comments should be filed by March 8, 2013.

Finally, in the February 16, 2012, Order the Board stated:

"[The] use of the VSPC process will better integrate utility planning with energy efficiency programs. Accordingly, the Board require[s] that any GT-area proposal include a comprehensive plan that is developed jointly by the host utility and Efficiency Vermont. The plan is to include, at a minimum: the constraint(s) identified by the VSPC; the projected costs and resources available to alleviate the constraint(s); specific resource-acquisition targets and dates; and what non-transmission alternatives ("NTA") the host utility will pursue on its own to complement the GT services. The Board also require[s] the host utility to work with Efficiency Vermont to provide updates on the GT programs. Therefore, we require [Central Vermont Public Service Corporation] and [Green Mountain Power Corporation] to work with Efficiency Vermont to develop and file with the Board a comprehensive plan that addresses these matters. The first such plan should be filed no later than March 16, 2012. Subsequent annual plans shall be filed by DUs in conjunction with Efficiency Vermont's annual plan. These submissions shall also include a discussion of the projected efficacy of GT programs and other NTA initiatives in these areas." (Order at 5-6, footnote omitted)

On March 16, 2012, Central Vermont Public Service Corporation ("CVPS") and Green Mountain Power Corporation ("GMP") each filed their initial plans.¹ Pursuant to the February 16, 2012, Order, GMP should have filed its subsequent annual plan in conjunction with Efficiency Vermont's annual plan, which was filed on November 1, 2012. GMP has not yet filed its 2013 annual plan for the geo-targeted areas. Any comments on this matter, including any appropriate Board process, should be filed with the Board and stakeholders no later than February 22, 2013. Any reply comments should be filed by March 8, 2013.

1. Pursuant to an Order dated June 15, 2012, in Docket No. 7770, *Amended Joint Petition of Central Vermont Public Service Corporation, et al*, CVPS and GMP have subsequently merged into a single company doing business as GMP.