

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Case No. 24-3351-INV

Investigation into the potential need for transmission system improvements identified in the 2024 Vermont Long-Range Transmission Plan	
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Order entered: 12/27/2024

ORDER ADDRESSING SCHEDULE AND PROCESS

This matter concerns an investigation opened, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 218c(d)(5), for the review of the potential need for transmission improvements identified in the 2024 Vermont long-range transmission plan (“the Plan”) and to facilitate the potential resolution of reliability deficiencies through the implementation of cost-effective non-transmission alternatives (“NTA”).¹

As discussed in the November 5, 2024, Order, this proceeding will be a fact-finding investigation to encourage and facilitate the implementation of non-transmission solutions and allows the Vermont Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) to remain informed and provide feedback during the NTA process established under Docket 7081.² The investigation will include regular reporting by the lead utility consistent with the Docket 7081 process, possible additional information requests by the Commission, and the convening of workshops. Today’s Order provides further details for that process.

Green Mountain Power Corporation (“GMP”), as the lead utility, will provide regular reporting to the Vermont System Planning Committee (“VSPC”) on the status of the non-transmission analysis. In the instances where GMP is providing written reports or prepared presentations to the VSPC, GMP is directed to file the reports and presentations in this proceeding. The Hearing Officer may issue additional information requests based on those filings.

¹ 30 V.S.A. § 218c(d)(1). 2024 Vermont Long-Range Transmission Plan, Case No. 24A-2002, filed on 6/28/24 by Vermont Electric Power Company (“VELCO”).

² 30 V.S.A. § 218c(d)(1); *Investigation into Least-Cost Integrated Resource Planning for Vermont Electric Power Company, Inc.’s Transmission System*, Docket 7081, Orders of 6/20/2007, 8/1/2012, and 1/20/2013.

In addition, the Plan identified that distributed generation growth may exceed existing transmission system hosting capacity and that optimizing the location of distributed generation may avoid the need to resolve transmission or sub-transmission constraints. This proceeding includes a fact-finding investigation into how distributed generation growth can be managed and coordinated to avoid transmission, sub-transmission, and distribution constraints and how this management will be coordinated with the possible implementation of non-transmission solutions that address the reliability deficiencies identified in the Plan.

As an initial step, participants in this proceeding are requested to file comments and any recommendations with respect to the Plan's conclusion that more statewide coordination and planning are needed and address how distributed generation growth can be optimally managed and coordinated. Participants' filings should address further process, including the need for additional filings or the scheduling of workshops.

The deadline for comments and recommendations is January 31, 2025.

SO ORDERED.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 27th day of December, 2024.



Mary Jo Krolewski
Hearing Officer

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

Filed: December 27, 2024

Attest: 
Deputy Clerk of the Commission

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