

STATE OF VERMONT  
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

EEU-2010-06

In re: EEU Demand Resources Plan )

Order entered: 5/20/2014

**ORDER RE: REALLOCATION OF SUSIE WILSON ROAD GEOGRAPHIC  
TARGETING BUDGETS AND AMENDMENTS TO STATEWIDE PERFORMANCE  
TARGETS**

**I. INTRODUCTION**

By Order dated January 8, 2014, the Vermont Public Service Board ("Board") directed Efficiency Vermont ("EVT") to discontinue geographic targeting ("GT")<sup>1</sup> efforts in the Susie Wilson Road area of Essex, Vermont. The Board further directed EVT to file a status update by March 31, 2014, proposing how any unspent geographic targeting funds would be reallocated to statewide programs, and how statewide program budgets and performance targets should be amended.

On March 28, 2014, Vermont Energy Investment Corporation ("VEIC")<sup>2</sup> filed the required status update. VEIC proposes that there be no reallocation of Susie Wilson GT funding to EVT's statewide program budgets, and that no adjustment to EVT's statewide quantitative performance indicators ("QPI") be made. VEIC contends that it exceeded the 2012-2014 performance period<sup>3</sup> GT kW reduction 100% target<sup>4</sup> within the first two years of the

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1. Energy efficiency geographic targeting efforts are energy efficiency services that are targeted at customers served by circuits and substations that are facing capacity constraints, with the objective to avoid or defer costly system upgrades.

2. VEIC serves as Efficiency Vermont, which provides energy efficiency services throughout the state except for the City of Burlington Electric Department's service territory, under an order of appointment issued by the Board on 12/20/10.

3. The Energy Efficiency Utility program operates on a three-year performance cycle. The next performance period will begin January 1, 2015.

4. The Board adopted specific performance targets for this GT area in a July 3, 2012, Order in this proceeding.

performance period, and that GT funding in the Susie Wilson area has already been spent. VEIC states that it began ramping down GT activities in the Susie Wilson area when it became clear that the Vermont System Planning Committee ("VSPC")<sup>5</sup> would be recommending to the Board that GT be discontinued in the area. As a result, VEIC established an end date of December 31, 2013, for areas previously flagged with the GT designation for the Susie Wilson area.

On April 10, 2014, the Vermont Department of Public Service ("Department") filed comments in support of VEIC's proposals. The Department notes that it appears likely that VEIC will spend close to the original estimated budget, including both estimated statewide and GT incremental program spending, by the end of the 2012-2014 performance period. The Department contends that it is important to consider whether statewide QPIs should be modified when the tasks associated with a GT QPI are being changed. In this instance, because it appears unlikely that there will be significant unspent GT funds to reallocate to statewide programs, the Department supports VEIC's proposal that statewide QPIs not be adjusted. The Department observes that this situation is unique, contends that the decision in this context should not be considered precedential, and recommends that future considerations of this type be made on a case-by-case basis.

No other comments have been filed.

## **II. DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSION**

Based on VEIC's March 28, 2014, status update, and the Department's comments thereon, we conclude that there are few, if any, unspent GT funds from the Susie Wilson area that could be reallocated to EVT statewide programs. As a result, we conclude that in this instance it is not necessary to adjust EVT's statewide QPIs at this time.

**SO ORDERED.**

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5. The VSPC and its associated planning process were created in Docket 7081 (the Board's investigation into least-cost integrated resource planning for Vermont Electric Power Company, Inc.'s transmission system) to facilitate consideration of cost-effective non-transmission alternatives to new transmission projects. The VSPC provides for increased collaboration among Vermont utilities and transparency in the planning process.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 20th day of May, 2014.

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| <u>s/ Margaret Cheney</u> | ) |                |

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FILED: May 20, 2014

ATTEST: s/ Susan M. Hudson  
Clerk of the Board

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