

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

EEU-2010-06

In re: EEU Demand Resources Plan)

Order entered: 11/4/2013

PROCEDURAL ORDER RE:
GMP REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE RELIABILITY PLAN

In an Order issued on July 16, 2013, in this proceeding, the Vermont Public Service Board ("Board") approved the recommendation of the Vermont System Planning Committee¹ ("VSPC") that geographic targeting² ("GT") continue in the St. Albans area of Green Mountain Power Corporation's ("GMP") service territory for 2013. During the process that preceded the Board's Order, the Vermont Department of Public Service ("Department") expressed a strong desire for GMP to file an analysis of the relative cost-effectiveness of distributed technologies and other non-transmission alternatives ("NTAs") for the St. Albans area on an accelerated schedule.³ GMP subsequently stated that it could complete its analysis by October 1, 2013.⁴

On October 1, 2013, GMP filed a status report on its analysis, and requested an extension of time until November 25, 2013, to file its final reliability plan. GMP represented that the Department supports GMP's request.

No other comments have been filed.

The Board's July 16 approval was not conditioned on GMP filing its analysis by

1. 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 of the planning process.

2. Energy efficiency geographic targeting efforts are energy efficiency services that are targeted to those circuits and substations that are facing capacity constraints, in an attempt to avoid or defer system upgrades.

3. Letter from Jeanne Elias, Esq., and Walter Poor, to Susan M. Hudson, Clerk of the Board, dated February 22, 2013, at 3.

4. Letter from Kim L. Jones, P.E., to Susan M. Hudson, Clerk of the Board, dated March 8, 2013, at 1.

October 1, 2013. In fact, the analysis in question is actually properly termed a "Reliability Plan" as defined and required in the Screening Framework and Guidelines for Implementation of 30 V.S.A. § 8005a(d)(2) developed in Docket No. 7873, regarding implementation of programmatic changes to the Sustainably Priced Energy Enterprise Development ("SPEED") standard-offer program. Accordingly, we conclude that Board approval of GMP's request for an extension in this proceeding is not necessary or appropriate. Further, we note that while the Screening Framework and Guidelines do include specific annual filing deadlines for such Reliability Plans—April 1 of each year—there are not specific filing deadlines for mid-year Reliability Plans. For this reason, if the Board were to consider GMP's request for an extension within the context of Docket No. 7873, Board approval of GMP's request for an extension would appear unnecessary. GMP is advised that this conclusion does not absolve it at this time of any of the distribution utility filing requirements related to the geographic targeting of energy efficiency that have previously been established in this proceeding.⁵

SO ORDERED.

5. For example, in a February 16, 2012, Order in this proceeding, the Board required affected distribution utilities to file annual plans related to GT areas in conjunction with Efficiency Vermont's annual plan, which is due each year by November 1, pursuant to the Process and Administration of an Energy Efficiency Utility Order of Appointment document.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 4th day of November, 2013.

<u>s/James Volz</u>	)	
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<u>s/John D. Burke</u>	)	
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<u>s/Margaret R. Cheney</u>	)	

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FILED: November 4, 2013

ATTEST: s/Judith C. Whitney
Deputy Clerk of the Board

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Appeal of this decision to the Supreme Court of Vermont must be filed with the Clerk of the Board within thirty days. Appeal will not stay the effect of this Order, absent further order by this Board or appropriate action by the Supreme Court of Vermont. Motions for reconsideration or stay, if any, must be filed with the Clerk of the Board within ten days of the date of this decision and Order.