



VSPC & Docket 7081 (r)evolution

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The challenge: maintain/enhance value in a changing environment

WHY NOW?

VSPC/Docket 7081 process not designed around current and future trends

- Declining loads, increasing DER
- Electrification may bring future load growth
- ISO-NE's lead role in planning
- New categories of transmission
- FERC Order 1000
- Existential question's on transmission's role

VELCO's seeks to re-envision collaboratively

- Stop doing what doesn't work
- Expand on what works
- Start doing what needs to be done and isn't addressed today

What have we accomplished?

VSPC a key depositor to VELCO's political capital account
“Vermont's electric grid operating committee”

- Deferred >\$400 million transmission upgrades
- Published plain-language 3-yr plans that meet requirements and paint the big picture
- Implemented and integrated geotargeting mandates for EE and DG (standard offer above the cap)
- Served as PSB's go-to forum by PSB for developing collaborative solutions
- Greatly increased collaboration and consensus on planning and load forecasting (previously contentious)
- Adapted procedures to changing policies and grid developments

BUT...process relatively unchanged since 2007 while world keeps changing, creating challenges

- Participation is human resource challenge for DUs
- NTA analysis isn't needed when there is nothing to avoid
- NTAs developing, but through other paths than 7081 process
- Out of synch with regional planning process and authority
- Focus too narrow
 - No place for non-reliability issues
 - Public doesn't make distinctions among types of transmission
- How will process work with FERC Order 1000?

Avoid “mission creep”

Some ideas...

- Make work process as efficient as possible
- Provide info as real-time as possible
- Forum where VT energy policies are synthesized into action—making policy work
- Robust collaboration and communication across stakeholders
- Process meets all stakeholders' transparency and outreach needs
- A place where the big picture is understood and shaped

Path forward?

- More check-ins with stakeholders (VELCO Board, OpComm, regulators, others)
- VELCO to identify:
 - What in the VSPC process is not adding value and could be curtailed?
 - What in the VSPC process is working well and should be kept or expanded?
 - What should we be doing that we are not?
- VELCO Board discussion 12/3