

FINAL VELCO Operating Committee MINUTES

DATE: April 20, 2023, 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Green Mountain Power Colchester, VT

PARTICIPATING MEMBERS

- **Burlington Electric Department (BED):** James Gibbons
- **Green Mountain Power (GMP):** Mike Burke, Doug Smith, Josh Castonguay
- **Stowe Electric Department (SED):** Brent Lilley
- **Vermont Electric Cooperative (VEC):** Peter Rossi, Kris Smith
- **Vermont Electric Power Company (VELCO):** Colin Owyang, Jaime Smyrski
- **Vermont Public Power Supply Authority (VPPSA):** Mike Sullivan
- **Washington Electric Cooperative (WEC):** Bill Powell

OTHER PARTICIPANTS

Dan Kopin (VELCO), Hantz Presume (VELCO), Arianne Conde (VELCO), Dan Nelson (VELCO), Betsy Bloomer (VELCO) Shana Louiselle (VELCO), Michal Thadani (Rhizome) Steve Fitzhugh (Northfield)

OPENING REMARKS

Mr. Owyang verified a quorum and called the meeting to order at 12:35p.m.

SAFETY TOPIC

Mr. Owyang discussed statistics in regard to distracted driving.

DRAFT MINUTES APPROVAL

Mr. Owyang presented the meeting minutes from March 16, 2023 for approval.

Mr. Rossi moved for approval, Mr. Gibbons seconded, and the minutes were approved without objection.

FRANKLIN COUNTY LINE UPGRADE

Mr. Colin Owyang provided an update that the Board of Directors approved the Resolution Regarding Franklin County Line Upgrade Project 30 V.S.A. § 248 Filing. This will become a standing agenda item after the CPG is filed.

RHIZOME

Mr. Thadani shared research surrounding economic losses due to outages across VELCO's service territory, how to quantify the value of lost load, the value calculation for each customer and the methodology surrounding this data. VEC provided data to provide an overview of hourly load prediction per zip code, breaking down the value of lost load for the different service territories at 9am winter peak. The next step would be to view the value of loss load at feeder or circuit level. The Committee agreed that it would be useful to see the FEMA data tool comparison. This is a helpful tool to gain an increasing understanding early on of lost service to different types of customers.

VELCO'S AVAILABILITY TO PROVIDE FIBER CONNECTIONS TO DISTRIBUTION UTILITIES

Mr. Nelson discussed fiber configuration, service catalog, and dark fiber service allocating 12 fibers for local use. The fiber reliability project will end in 2025. After completion this project,

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VELCO technology is unsure of what is next. The distribution utilities would like to continue the same service currently in place. Every generator 150kw and above needs to be included. The sooner VELCO is aware of these projects, the sooner we can get them into the schedule to ensure we get the best information at the best cost. There is a level of distribution reliability. We will discuss these projects on a case by case basis. This topic will be brought to the telecom sub- committee for further discussion.

OPERATIONS UPDATE

Ms. Conde provided an Operations Update sharing the state interchange reached zero three times in the past month meaning Vermont's in state generation was able to supply all of Vermont's load. We have only seen this happen twice in the since 2014 and now three times in the month of April alone. Ms. Conde shared PI vision displays and the different ways of viewing the data throughout the day.

NEEDS ASSESSMENT & OPEN ACTION ITEM REVIEW

No Update

ISO UPDATE

No Update

PNNL PROJECT UPDATE

No Update

VEC WINTER READINESS UPDATE

No Update

OTHER BUSINESS

Open discussion

Next meeting

Date: May 18, 2023, 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Location: Green Mountain Power Colchester, VT

Possible topics for discussion

- April VELCO Board presentation by Jason Pew, Hantz Presume and Dan Kopin
- VELCO Operations Monthly highlights – standing agenda item
- Needs Assessment & Open Action Item review – standing agenda item
- Telecom Working Group – standing agenda item (by exception)
- ISO update (by exception)
- PNNL project update (by exception)
- VEC Winter Readiness update – standing agenda item (by exception)

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. Fitzhugh moved to adjourn, Mr. Smith seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 3:18 pm.

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Respectfully submitted,

Jaime Smyrski
VELCO OC Secretary