

DRAFT VELCO Operating Committee MINUTES

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

LOCATION: Green Mountain Power Colchester, VT

PARTICIPATING MEMBERS

- **Burlington Electric Department (BED):** Jackie Pratt, James Gibbons
- **Green Mountain Power (GMP):** Doug Smith, Josh Castonguay, Mike Burke
- **Vermont Electric Cooperative (VEC):** Kris Smith
- **Vermont Electric Power Company (VELCO):** Colin Owyang, Jaime Smyrski, Tina Stevens
- **Vermont Public Power Supply Authority (VPPSA):**
- **Washington Electric Cooperative (WEC):** Bill Powell

OTHER PARTICIPANTS

Dan Kopin (VELCO), Tom Dunn (VELCO), Frank Etori (VELCO) Jason Pew (VELCO), Mark Sciarrotta (VELCO), Betsy Bloomer (VELCO), Kerrick Johnson (VELCO), Shana Louiselle (VELCO), Steve Fitzhugh (Northfield)

OPENING REMARKS

Mr. Owyang verified a quorum and called the meeting to order at 12:32 p.m.

SAFETY TOPIC

Mr. Owyang provided a quick safety topic regarding driver's safety.

DRAFT MINUTES APPROVAL

Mr. Owyang presented the meeting minutes from May 18, 2023 for approval.

Mr. Fitzhugh moved for approval, Mr. Powell seconded, and the minutes were approved without objection.

COMED ORDER FROM FERC ON 7-FACTOR TEST APPLIED TO SUPERCONDUCTORS

Mr. Sciarrotta discussed the 7 factors test and how FERC applies these standards. This is not a use case at this time.

NERC STANDARD MOD-032 DATA FOR POWER SYSTEM MODELING AND ANALYSIS

Mr. Kopin provided an update on NERC requirements for Transmission Operators today and what is expected in the future adding a new data requirement specific to DER. Mr. Kopin also reviewed the VX Platform commissioning requirements.

OPERATIONS UPDATE

Ms. Stevens provided an operations update which included: the impact of increasing solar production as it relates to VELCO transmission, Highgate Converter performance in April 2022 compared to April 2023, Summer load trends, and a review of a Phase II trip resulting from the recent wildfires.

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VERMONT NEEDS ASSESSMENT & OPEN ACTION ITEM REVIEW

No Update

ISO UPDATE

Mr. Ettori provided an update on the regional service rate that includes an eleven month rate increase for the next five years. ISO-NE has presented their budget that included 100 new employees and 45 million additional expenses for 2024. ISO-NE has offered to do the budget presentation for the Operating Committee on August 1st, if anyone wants to be included please let Frank know. Lastly, there is a proposed 500 MW, 2000MW battery storage project.

PNNL PROJECT UPDATE

No Update

VEC WINTER READINESS UPDATE

Still refining the program

OTHER BUSINESS

Open discussion

Next meeting

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Possible topics for discussion

- 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. Burke moved to adjourn, Mr. Fitzhugh seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 1:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jaime Smyrski
VELCO OC Secretary