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**VERMONT PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION SEEKS
MEMBERS TO SERVE ON ELECTRIC SYSTEM PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Montpelier, VT, March 8, 2019 – The Vermont Public Utility Commission is seeking to fill two vacancies on the Vermont System Planning Committee (VSPC) to represent the interests of electric power supply resources, such as electricity generators. The openings are for one primary member and one alternate member, who would attend VSPC meetings when the primary member is not available.

The VSPC plays a key role in the planning process for Vermont's electric transmission system by facilitating the full, fair, and timely consideration of non-transmission alternatives to new transmission projects. Formed in 2007, it also encourages public involvement, transparency, and accountability in Vermont transmission planning in general and in the consideration of specific projects.

Members of the VSPC include representatives of: (1) each Vermont electric distribution, transmission, and electric energy efficiency utility; (2) five members representing the interests of one of the following groups: electric residential consumers, electric commercial and industrial consumers, town and regional planning commissions, environmental protection, and electric power supply resources; and (3) two non-voting participants, one each appointed by the Standard-Offer Facilitator and by the Vermont Department of Public Service.

Members and alternates serve a five-year term. Primary members are expected to attend quarterly, day-long VSPC meetings at rotating locations and may also serve on one or more subcommittees. Members are eligible for per diem and travel reimbursement consistent with that provided to members of state boards pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 1010(b). Additional information about the VSPC and its role in the transmission-planning process is [available on the VSPC's website](#).

The Commission strongly encourages interested persons to review these materials.

Letters of interest should be sent to Business Manager, Vermont Public Utility Commission, 4th Floor, 112 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05620-2701 by March 29, 2019. Letters of interest should describe the applicant's qualifications to represent that group and explain the applicant's reasons for wanting to serve on the VSPC.

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