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

Montpelier, VT – On June 11, 2018, the Vermont Public Utility Commission announced that it is seeking eight members to serve on the Vermont System Planning Committee – one primary member and an alternate representing each of the following four interests: residential electric consumers, commercial and industrial electric consumers, town and regional planning organizations, and environmental protection. The alternates will attend VPSC meetings when the primary member is not available.

The VSPC plays a key role in the planning process for Vermont's electric transmission system. This planning process is designed to facilitate the full, fair, and timely consideration of cost-effective non-transmission alternatives to new transmission projects. The VSPC: (1) facilitates and supports such consideration of non-transmission alternatives; (2) encourages and facilitates public involvement in Vermont transmission planning in general and in the consideration of specific projects; and (3) provides transparency and accountability to the Vermont transmission-planning process.

Members of the VSPC include representatives of: (1) each Vermont electric distribution, transmission, and electric energy efficiency utility; (2) five members, each 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 supply resources; and (3) two non-voting participants, one each appointed by the Standard-Offer Facilitator and by the Vermont Department of Public Service.

Primary members are expected to attend quarterly VSPC meetings (day-long) 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 June 28, 2018. 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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