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**State of Vermont  
Public Utility Commission**

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**MEDIA RELEASE**

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

**Montpelier, VT** – On May 26, 2022, the Vermont Public Utility Commission announced that it is seeking two members to serve on the Vermont System Planning Committee – one alternate member representing the interests of town and regional planning organizations, and one alternate member representing environmental protection (including environmental justice) interests. The alternates will serve until July 17, 2023 (the end of the positions' current 5-year terms).

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 utility, the statewide transmission utility, and each electric energy efficiency utility; (2) five members representing the interests of each of the following groups: electric residential consumers, electric commercial and industrial consumers, town and regional planning commissions, environmental protection (including environmental justice), 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 (a remote option will also be available) and may also serve on one or more subcommittees. Alternate members may attend any VSPC meeting and are expected to coordinate with the appropriate primary member to ensure that the member group interest (e.g., environmental protection) is represented at each quarterly VSPC meeting. Members are eligible for per diem and travel reimbursement consistent with the reimbursement 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 at:

<http://www.vermontspc.com/default.aspx>

The Commission strongly encourages interested persons to review these materials.

Letters of interest should be sent to Business Manager, Vermont Public Utility Commission, at [puc.businessmanager@vermont.gov](mailto:puc.businessmanager@vermont.gov) by June 16, 2022. 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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