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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 15, 2024, the Vermont Public Utility Commission announced that it is seeking three members to serve on the Vermont System Planning Committee – an alternate member representing the commercial and industrial electric consumers and a primary and alternate member representing the supply resources. The alternate member representing commercial and industrial electric consumers will fill a current term ending on July 31, 2028. The member or alternate representing supply resources will serve a five-year term, starting no later than August 1, 2024, and ending July 31, 2029.

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.

Primary members and alternates 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, day-long VSPC meetings at rotating locations (with a remote option) 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., residential electric consumers) is represented at each quarterly VSPC meeting. 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 at:

https://www.vermontspc.com/membership

The Commission strongly encourages interested persons to review these materials.



Letters of interest should be sent to Business Manager, Vermont Public Utility Commission, at <a href="mailto:puc.businessmanager@vermont.gov">puc.businessmanager@vermont.gov</a> by June 14, 2024. 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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