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## **VELCO SEEKS PUBLIC INPUT ON DRAFT TRANSMISSION PLAN**

Rutland, VT--The public is invited to review and provide input on Vermont Electric Power Company's (VELCO) 2009 Vermont Long Range Transmission Plan—Public Review Draft at a series of public forums around Vermont.

The forums, hosted by VELCO and convened by the Snelling Center for Government, will include an overview of the plan, information kiosks on key issues, facilitated discussions, and the opportunity to meet with VELCO staff and representatives of local electric distribution utilities. Refreshments will be served. Sign language interpretation will be provided if requested at least one week prior to the event, by contacting: [publicoutreach@velco.com](mailto:publicoutreach@velco.com).

The public forums are scheduled as follows:

Monday, April 27 at 5:30 Holiday Inn, Rutland	Thursday, May 7 at 5:30 pm Catamount Arts Center, St. Johnsbury
Wednesday, April 29 at 5:30 pm Lake Morey Resort, Fairlee	Wednesday, May 13 at 5:30 pm Marlboro Tech Center, Brattleboro
Tuesday, May 5 at 5:30 pm Sheraton Hotel, Burlington	Monday, May 18 at 1:30 pm Noble Hall, VT College of Fine Arts, Montpelier

The 2009 Vermont Long-Range Transmission Plan is part of a collaboratively-designed planning process approved by Vermont's Public Service Board (PSB) in 2007. The plan, which looks out 20 years and must be updated every three, identifies transmission upgrades that may be needed to maintain reliability and where generation and energy efficiency could potentially address those reliability needs. The new 20-year planning horizon offers additional opportunities for public input and is intended to provide ample time for full, fair and timely consideration of alternatives to building transmission. The draft plan is on line and available at [www.velco.com/publicoutreach](http://www.velco.com/publicoutreach).

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