



Central Vermont Public Service and Vermont Electric Power Company initiated a public process last fall to help identify potential solutions to certain electric reliability problems in southern Vermont. The Southern Loop Community Working Group (CWG) comprised of about two dozen members of the public was created and members were asked to refine and clarify the initial recommendations developed at a two-day summit held in January 2006.

The CWG arrived at four “preliminary preferred” recommendations for addressing the electrical infrastructure issues within the Southern Loop area:

VOLTAGE SUPPORT  
INTENSIVE ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS  
NEW GENERATION  
UPGRADES TO PARTS OF THE TRANSMISSION SYSTEM

The efficiency programs, voltage support and generation would be intended to defer or eliminate the need for broader transmission upgrades.

The public is invited to attend one of the three open house meetings, which will showcase displays and information on the Southern Loop issues and possible solutions.

- Tuesday, Sept. 12, 4 to 8 p.m. in Bondville at the Inn at Stratton Mountain
- Wednesday, Sept. 13, 4 to 8 p.m. in Bennington at Mt. Anthony Country Club
- Thursday, Sept. 14, 4 to 8 p.m. in Brattleboro at the Quality Inn & Suites

**PUBLIC INPUT IN THIS PROCESS IS VITAL.**