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Date: April 21, 2006  
 To: Members of the Southern Loop Community Working Group  
 From: Chris Kenny and Toni Martorelli, Process Managers  
 Re: Notes from March 16, 2006 Meeting

<u>Members Present</u>	<u>Members Absent</u>
Alan Dann, Progressive Party	Rick Foley, Keene State College
Greg Wordon, Town of Brattleboro	Kevin DUBY, Brattleboro Retreat Healthcare
Marge Fish, Londonderry Rescue Squad	Rachael Pendleton Fredericks, Efficiency Vermont
Hervey Scudder, Northeast Center for Social Issues Studies	Mark Gilmore, Vermont Yankee
Tad Montgomery, Brattleboro Climate Protection	
Sky Foukes, Stratton Mountain	<u>Guests Present</u>
Eric Stevens, Windham Regional Commission	Dave Lamont, DPS
Jenna Pugliese, Stratton Mountain	John Becker, DPS
John Cueman, Bromley Mountain	Joe Kraus, CVPS
Debbie Boyle, Brattleboro Development Corporation	Steve Costello, CVPS
Bill Calfee, Consultant	Bob Hoover, CPM Technical Solutions
Craig Miskovich, Downs, Rachlin & Martin	
Michael Drunsic, TPW Management	
Audrey Garfield, Town of Brattleboro	
Lee Krohn, Town of Manchester	
Brian Keefe, Office of Senator Jim Jeffords	
Kim Jones, CVPS	
Rip Kirby, CVPS	
Dean LaForest, VELCO	

The Southern Loop Community Working Group (“CWG”) held their initial meeting at the Brattleboro Quality Inn and Suites on Thursday, March 16, 2006 from 4 – 6 p.m. After welcome and introductions, Chris provided members with the CWG’s purpose, as defined by the Leadership Team: “The purpose of the Community Working Group is to review and strengthen the recommendations that came out of the Utility Search Conference.”

Chris noted that the purposes of the March 16 CWG meeting were to (1) reacquaint CWG members with the recommendations that were produced at the Southern Loop Utility Search Conference (USC), (2) provide additional information to members concerning (a) the synchronous condenser, (b) current transmission planning efforts, (c) DSM/DG studies related to the Southern Loop, and (d) regulatory and policy initiatives presently under way or soon to begin in Vermont, and (3) organize the future work of the CWG. Chris provided members with a very preliminary meeting schedule for the CWG, to include meetings approximately every month through August 2006.

Toni Martorelli then reviewed the recommendations that had been developed at the USC. Toni explained that she and Chris had consolidated the recommendations in order to clarify them. She then distributed the consolidated recommendations to the CWG, marked to show changes made from the original recommendations developed at the USC. With one change, members of the CWG agreed that the consolidated recommendations accurately captured the recommendations developed at the USC and agreed that the consolidated recommendations should be the basis for the CWG’s work going forward. The consolidated recommendations appear after these notes.

Next, presentations were made to group by Rip Kirby of CVPS (synchronous condenser), Dean LaForest of VELCO (current transmission planning efforts), Kim Jones of CVPS (DSM/DG studies related to the Southern Loop) and Dave Lamont of DPS (regulatory and policy initiatives). Copies of each of these presentations were made available to the CWG members. Members suggested that a web site be developed to contain information such as the presentations made at this CWG meeting. The URL for that site is:  
<http://www.velco.com/Templates/default.asp?pageId=48>

The group then handled a few housekeeping items and agreed on the following:

1. The CWG meetings should be held at locations throughout the Southern Loop.
2. Thursday afternoons from 4 – 6 p.m. work for most members.

The group was then asked to determine which recommendation should be the first one analyzed by the CWG by engaging in a “Pair Comparison” exercise. As Chris and Toni explained, this exercise was not for the purpose of making any statement about the relative merits of any recommendation; rather, the

objective was merely to prioritize the CWG’s work so that the recommendations could be analyzed in the order decided upon by the group.

Members were asked to do the Pair Comparison twice – once to consider which recommendations the CWG should learn more about that could be implemented in the short term (within 2 years). The second time the members were asked to compare the recommendations in terms of those that might represent long-term solutions for the Southern Loop. The results of the Pair Comparison are:

<u>Short Term</u>	<u>Long Term</u>
1. Evaluate transmission line options	1. Identify and pursue DG opportunities
2. Maximize the use of DSM	2. Maximize the use of DSM
3. Identify and pursue DG opportunities	3. Improve state-wide energy planning
4. Improve state-wide energy planning	4. Level the playing field regarding use of Pool Transmission Facility funding
5. Level the playing field regarding use of Pool Transmission Facility funding	5. Evaluate transmission line options

The synchronous condenser was not included in the paired rankings because the participants at the USC had recommended pursuing the synchronous condenser as the first step towards addressing the problems on the Southern Loop.

In addition to being provided hard copies of each presentation, members were given copies of a supplemental technical report concerning the Southern Loop as well as a recent Vermont Public Service Board publication entitled “Citizens’ Guide to the Vermont Public Service Board’s Section 248 Process.”

The next CWG meeting will be held at Stratton Mountain Resort on Thursday, April 27, 2006 from 4 – 6 p.m.