Full Commission Meeting  
April 24, 2012  
Marlboro College Graduate Center, Brattleboro, VT

**Commissioners Present:** Maggie Bartenhagen, Nick Bartenhagen, Sam Battaglino, Dora Bouboulis, Tom Buchanan, Tom Consolino, Jack Cunningham, Jodi French, Charlie Goodwin, Mary Alice Herbert, Brad Horn, John Kristensen, Alan LaCombe, Alice Maes, Priscilla Margola, Jane Morano Purdy, Bill Murray, Lew Sorenson, Eric Stevens, Piet van Loon, John Whitman, Norm Wright  
**Citizen Interest Commissioners Present:** Lynette Hamilton  
**Guests Present:** Deena Frankel, VELCO, Hantz Pre Sume, VELCO, Paul Renaud, VELCO, Shana Duval, VELCO, Ray Mara, Public guest from Weston  
**Staff Present:** Chris Campany, Ashley Collins  
**Introductions:** There was a quorum of 15 towns present.  
**Convened:** 7:30pm

**Administrative Items & Reports:**  
**Secretary’s Report:** On a motion by John Whitman, seconded by Jack Cunningham, the minutes from the March meeting were approved.  
**Financial Report:** On a motion by Norm Wright, seconded by Charlie Goodwin, the Financial Report was approved.

**Vermont Electric Power Company (VELCO):**  
VELCO Representatives were present to discuss the 2012 Long Range Transmission Plan. Every three years VELCO, the owner and operator of Vermont’s high voltage transmission system, must publish a three-year update of its 20-year Vermont Long-Range Transmission Plan. This plan identifies reliability concerns and the transmission alternatives to address those concerns. The Plan serves as the basis for considering whether alternatives, including new generation and energy efficiency, can meet Vermont’s reliability needs. It also provides information about transmission projects that may be needed to maintain grid reliability. Hantz Pre’ Sume’ of VELCO explained the 10-year study approach, and how it is the basis for the long range plan. When studies are conducted they need to comply with certain planning standards so they look at multiple factors. Each of the VELCO representatives addressed concerns from the Commissioners regarding reliability, and what reliability in the context of the VELCO plan means. Questions asked by Commissioners included future costs, how the demand is predicted for the system,
possible scenarios regarding the continued operation and possible closure of Entergy Vermont Yankee, and if they have considered using non-transmission alternatives for Vermont. Questions were also asked about the resiliency of the system if impacted by solar storms. The PowerPoint presentation presented by VELCO will be available on the WRC website.

**Program:**

1. Election of Officers to Fill Vacancies: Because there was some confusion as to whether or not it was Officers who were to be elected to fill out the remainder of the term, or if it was members of the Executive Board at large, The Nominating Committee Charlie Goodwin moved to postpone the election of officers to the May Commission meeting; the motion was seconded by Tom Buchanan, motion was unanimously approved.

2. Resolution Honoring Melinda Bussino: Piet van Loon presented a Resolution to the Commissioners commemorating the work of Former Commission Chair, Melinda Bussino. On a motion by John Whitman, seconded by Norm Wright, the Resolution for Melinda Bussino was approved.

**Executive Director's Report & Other Business:**

1. Chris announced that the Public Service Board had created a new docket (7862) to address the Certificate of Public Good for Vermont Yankee (VY) Nuclear Power Station. A Pre-Hearing Conference is scheduled for May 2nd.

2. The Executive Board has approved the formation of a new Committee to address issues directly related to VY, and will be looking for interested individuals to join that Committee. This work had been done by the Energy Committee.

3. Chris mentioned that Enhanced Consultations with WRC towns have begun, and are going well so far.

4. Chris explained that WRC is collaborating with the Bennington County Regional Commission (BCRC), to submit a unified proposal for economic development assistance related to Irene Recovery. The WRC would be the principal applicant, and BCRC would be a co-applicant. The WRC has worked closely with the Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation on this application, as well as BCRC and their regional development corporation.

Norm Wright moved adjournment.
Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm

Respectfully submitted,
Ashley Collins