

Act 50 request	Page	Report Section	Recommendation
(A) establishing a <b>comprehensive planning process</b> for the siting of electric generation plants that integrates state energy planning with local and regional land use planning and <b>strengthens the role of local and regional plans</b> in the siting review process;	7	<b>Executive Summary (summary of five recommendation themes)</b>	<b>Increase emphasis on planning at state, regional, and municipal levels such that siting decisions will be consistent with Regional Planning Commission (RPC) plans.</b>
	8	Executive Summary (expanded details for "Increase Emphasis on Planning" Theme)	# 1. The PSD shall develop a state roadmap for meeting Vermont's statutory energy targets and CEP goals.....
	43	Detailed Package of Recommendations ("4.3 Increase Emphasis on Planning")	"" (expanded details of Recommendation 1 including Process, Outreach, and Tools)
	8	Executive Summary (expanded details for "Increase Emphasis on Planning" Theme)	# 2. RPCs shall develop energy guidelines, policies, and land use suitability maps as part of their regional plans....
	45	Detailed Package of Recommendations ("4.3 Increase Emphasis on Planning")	"" (expanded details of Recommendation 2 including process and examples)
	8	Executive Summary (expanded details for "Increase Emphasis on Planning" Theme)	# 2.....By updating regional plans to include these guidelines, policies, and land-use suitability maps...RPCs shall have formal party status and their plans shall be given 'substantial consideration'....under 30 V.S.A. § 248...." AND "If determined by the PSD to be consistent with the legislated energy goals and the CEP, the plans shall be 'dispositive' under 30 V.S.A. § 248....
	45	Detailed Package of Recommendations ("4.3 Increase Emphasis on Planning")	"" (expanded details of Recommendation 2 including process and examples)
	8	Executive Summary (expanded details for "Increase Emphasis on Planning" Theme)	# 3. As a top priority for legislative attention, RPC planning costs must be adequately funded in order for these recommendations to be meaningful (estimated initial cost of \$40,000 per region, to be administered by the PSD). Regular updates of these plans will be necessary and should also be adequately funded.
	46	Detailed Package of Recommendations ("4.3 Increase Emphasis on Planning")	"" (expanded details of Recommendation 3 including estimated costs)
	8	Executive Summary (expanded details for "Increase Emphasis on Planning" Theme)	# 4. Municipal plans found to be compatible with the revised regional plans shall be given 'substantial consideration' (i.e. greater weight) by the PSB in the siting process.
	47	Detailed Package of Recommendations ("4.3 Increase Emphasis on Planning")	"" (expanded details of Recommendation 4 including process for implementation and execution). Additional clarification that, "It is the intent of the Commission to provide municipalities with the opportunity to proactively indicate how they prefer to contribute to meeting regional goals."
7	<b>Executive Summary (summary of five recommendation themes)</b>	<b>Update environmental, health, and other protection guidelines (on a technology basis, where necessary).</b>	
11	Executive Summary (expanded details for "Ensure Adequate Environmental, Health, and Other Protection" Theme)	# 25. The PSB shall consider cumulative impacts in project review for siting electric generation.	
	7	<b>Executive Summary (summary of five recommendation themes)</b>	<b>Increase the opportunities for public participation.</b>
	9	Executive Summary (expanded details for "Increase Opportunity for Public Participation" Theme)	# 7. Establish a 'trigger point' whereby the public is notified of when scoping meetings with ANR and PSD begin....
	50	Detailed Package of Recommendations ("4.5 Increase Opportunities for Public Participation")	"" (expanded details of Recommendation 7)
	9	Executive Summary (expanded details for "Increase Opportunity for Public Participation" Theme)	# 8. Provide earlier notification to the public in both Tier 3 and Tier 4 projects. [See "Simplify Tier System" theme explanations on p. 9, pp. 47-50, and pp. 81-84.]
	50	Detailed Package of Recommendations ("4.5 Increase Opportunities for Public Participation")	"" (expanded details of Recommendation 8 including proposed notification periods within the new Simplified Tier System)
	9	Executive Summary (expanded details for "Increase Opportunity for Public Participation" Theme)	# 9. Add increasing levels of public engagement requirements to Tier 2, Tier 3, and Tier 4 project applications....
	51	Detailed Package of Recommendations ("4.5 Increase Opportunities for Public Participation")	"" (expanded details of Recommendation 9 including examples of public engagement, details of public engagement required in each tier of the proposed Simplified Tier System, and timelines)
	9	Executive Summary (expanded details for "Increase Opportunity for Public Participation" Theme)	# 10. Provide RPC funding support, if requested, on a cost-share basis from the time the RPC receives official notice of the project.

(B) increasing the <b>accessibility</b> of the siting review process for electric generation plants to local and regional governments and concerned citizens, including recommended statutory revisions to <b>improve notice</b> of proposed plants and the siting review process;	52	Detailed Package of Recommendations ("4.5 Increase Opportunities for Public Participation")	"" (expanded details of Recommendation 10 including eligibility requirements for RPCs to receive funding and example cost-sharing provisions)
	7	<b>Executive Summary (summary of five recommendation themes)</b>	<b>Implement procedural changes to increase transparency, efficiency, and predictability in the siting process.</b>
	41	Detailed Package of Recommendations ("4.1 Rationale for Maintaining Siting with the PSB")	The Commission would like to underscore that although important modifications to the siting process are necessary, it recommends that electric generation siting approval remain with the PSB using a revised Section 248 process.
	41	Detailed Package of Recommendations ("4.1 Rationale for Maintaining Siting with the PSB")	That being said, the siting process should be improved. The Commission received considerable testimony, reports and public comment regarding how the process needs to be more open, more efficient, less costly to all, more predictable and provide greater opportunities for public participation (among other concerns). This report outlines recommendations to address these concerns with the goal of strengthening the process.
	9	Executive Summary (expanded details for "Improve the Siting Process for Increased Transparency, Efficiency and Predictability" Theme)	# 11. The PSB shall hire a Case Manager to provide guidance on all aspects of the siting application process to all parties....
	53	Detailed Package of Recommendations ("4.6 Improve the Siting Process for Increased Transparency, Efficiency, and Predictability")	"" (expanded details of Recommendation 11 including proposed Case Manager duties and duty location)
	9	Executive Summary (expanded details for "Improve the Siting Process for Increased Transparency, Efficiency and Predictability" Theme)	# 12. The PSB and PSD shall collaborate to design and implement an online case-management/docketing system.
	54	Detailed Package of Recommendations ("4.6 Improve the Siting Process for Increased Transparency, Efficiency, and Predictability")	"" (expanded details of Recommendation 12 including details on what items a case management/docketing system should include)
	10	Executive Summary (expanded details for "Improve the Siting Process for Increased Transparency, Efficiency and Predictability" Theme)	# 14. Require concurrent timing of ANR permit filing and application for a Certificate of Public Good (CPG).
	54	Detailed Package of Recommendations ("4.6 Improve the Siting Process for Increased Transparency, Efficiency, and Predictability")	"" (expanded details of Recommendation 14 including timing by recommended tier within the proposed Simplified Tier permitting system)
	10	Executive Summary (expanded details for "Improve the Siting Process for Increased Transparency, Efficiency and Predictability" Theme)	# 19. PSB shall ensure that the improved siting website design incorporates a 'one-stop shop' for all siting information....
	56	Detailed Package of Recommendations ("4.6 Improve the Siting Process for Increased Transparency, Efficiency, and Predictability")	"" (expanded details of Recommendation 19 including a list of what the improved PSB website should include, examples of testimony and public comment related to accessibility of information regarding the siting process, an acknowledgment of the online document management system currently under construction by the PSB and PSD, and emphasis on the value of a "one-stop shop")
	10	Executive Summary (expanded details for "Improve the Siting Process for Increased Transparency, Efficiency and Predictability" Theme)	# 20. PSD shall also update its website to serve as the pre-application site for relevant public information.
	57	Detailed Package of Recommendations ("4.6 Improve the Siting Process for Increased Transparency, Efficiency, and Predictability")	"" (expanded details of Recommendation 20 including the type of information that might be valuable to stakeholders)
	11	<b>Executive Summary (one of two "Cross-Cutting Recommendations")</b>	<b># 27. Although many of the following points have been covered in the body of this report, the Commission recommends that the PSB pay particular attention to these issues..... a) the public need for procedural advice throughout the application process (Case Manager); b) an improved PSB website including an online case management system;...g) consideration of view shed in accommodating participation of communities; ... i) principal concerns raised at public hearings for the project; and j) a more efficient process for smaller, community sponsored projects.</b>
11	<b>Executive Summary (second of two "Cross-Cutting Recommendations")</b>	<b># 28. The PSD shall make a recommendation to the legislature regarding funding options to cover the costs of an improved siting process.</b>	

<p>(C) creating a <b>publicly accessible inventory</b> of peer-reviewed research on any impacts of electric generation plants on public health, the environment, and land use, and establishing specific <b>standards</b> applicable to electric generation plants to address any such impacts, including noise limits and setback requirements</p>	<p><b>Executive Summary (summary of five recommendation themes)</b></p> <p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>Update environmental, health, and other protection guidelines (on a technology basis, where necessary).</b></p>
	<p>Executive Summary (expanded details for "Improve the Siting Process for Increased Transparency, Efficiency and Predictability" Theme)</p> <p><b>10</b></p>	<p># 18. Use a 'rebuttable presumption' for ANR permits.</p>
	<p>Detailed Package of Recommendations ("4.6 Improve the Siting Process for Increased Transparency, Efficiency, and Predictability")</p> <p><b>56</b></p>	<p>"" (expanded details of Recommendation 18 including description of proper application of rebuttable presumption)</p>
	<p>Executive Summary (expanded details for "Ensure Adequate Environmental, Health, and Other Protection" Theme)</p> <p><b>10</b></p>	<p># 21. All relevant agencies - ANR, PSD, VAAFM and DOH shall update environmental protection and other standards and guidelines (on a by-technology basis, where relevant).</p>
	<p>Detailed Package of Recommendations ("4.7 Enhance Environmental, Health, and Other Protection")</p> <p><b>58</b></p>	<p>"" (expanded details of Recommendation 19 including proposal for state agencies to determine whether impacts dictate updating of existing guidelines, new guidelines, or further study)</p>
	<p>Executive Summary (expanded details for "Ensure Adequate Environmental, Health, and Other Protection" Theme)</p> <p><b>11</b></p>	<p># 22. When determining a project's impact, the PSB should give 'substantial consideration' (i.e. greater weight) to Act 250 criteria as part of the siting process review.</p>
	<p>Detailed Package of Recommendations ("4.7 Enhance Environmental, Health, and Other Protection")</p> <p><b>58</b></p>	<p>"" (expanded details of Recommendation 22 including recommendation for the Natural Resources Board to modernize the Act 250 criteria to reflect new scientific understanding of impacts related to electric generation and global climate change)</p>
	<p>Executive Summary (expanded details for "Ensure Adequate Environmental, Health, and Other Protection" Theme)</p> <p><b>11</b></p>	<p># 24. The Department of Health (DOH) shall review national and international standards from peer-reviewed scientific literature regarding health impacts and monitoring systems by technology and provide guidelines, where possible, to be updated annually as science evolves.</p>
	<p>Detailed Package of Recommendations ("4.7 Enhance Environmental, Health, and Other Protection")</p> <p><b>59</b></p>	<p>"" (expanded details of Recommendation 24 including instruction for the requirements for public health assessments under the proposed Simplified Tier System and recommendation that DOH become a statutory process on health-related issues before the PSB)</p>
	<p>Executive Summary (expanded details for "Ensure Adequate Environmental, Health, and Other Protection" Theme)</p> <p><b>11</b></p>	<p># 25. The PSB shall consider cumulative impacts in project review for siting electric generation.</p>
	<p>Detailed Package of Recommendations ("4.7 Enhance Environmental, Health, and Other Protection")</p> <p><b>59</b></p>	<p>"" (expanded details of Recommendation 25 including proposal for ANR and PSD to develop guidelines and tools for understanding and measuring cumulative impact, which would be used in Tier 3 and Tier 4 projects under the proposed Simplified Tier siting process)</p>
	<p>Detailed Package of Recommendations ("4.1 Rationale for Maintaining Siting with the PSB")</p> <p><b>41</b></p>	<p>With regard to natural resource impacts, Section 248 provides a broader and more adaptive capacity than Act 250.</p>
	<p><b>Executive Summary (one of two "Cross-Cutting Recommendations")</b></p> <p><b>11</b></p>	<p><b># 27. Although many of the following points have been covered in the body of this report, the Commission recommends that the PSB pay particular attention to these issues..... c) consideration of economic efficiency and least environmental damage, with particular attention to climate change; d) health issues; e) cumulative impacts, which may include aesthetic, grid, economic and health effects; f) potential effects on property values;... h) setbacks...."</b></p>