

December 8, 2014

By Hand Delivery

Mrs. Susan Hudson, Clerk
Vermont Public Service Board
112 State Street, Drawer 20
Montpelier, VT 05620-2701

Re: Petition of Champlain VT, LLC d/b/a TDI New England for a Certificate of Public Good, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. §248, authorizing the installation and operation of a high voltage direct current (HVDC) underwater and underground electric transmission line with a capacity of 1,000 MW, a converter station, and other associated facilities, to be located in Lake Champlain and in the Counties of Grand Isle, Chittenden, Addison, Rutland, and Windsor, Vermont, and to be known as the New England Clean Power Link Project (“NECPL”)

Dear Mrs. Hudson:

On behalf of Champlain VT, LLC, d/b/a TDI-New England (“TDI-NE”), we are pleased to enclose for filing in the above-captioned matter the original and six copies of a Section 248 Petition and supporting materials requesting issuance of a Certificate of Public Good.

TDI-NE is requesting Board approval for the installation and operation of a high voltage direct current (HVDC) electric transmission line with a capacity of 1,000 MW that will provide electricity generated by low carbon, renewable energy sources in Canada to the New England electric grid. The line, to be known as the New England Clean Power Link (“NECPL”), will run from the Canadian border at Alburgh, Vermont to Ludlow, Vermont along underwater and underground routes. In Ludlow, the HVDC line will terminate at a converter station that will convert the electrical power to alternating current (AC), and then run to VELCO’s existing 345 kV Coolidge Substation in Cavendish, Vermont, located approximately 0.3 miles to the south along a town road.

The NECPL is an important project for the State of Vermont, and will provide significant environmental, electrical, and economic benefits. As the Petition and supporting materials explain in detail, these benefits include lower electricity costs, diversifying the fuel supply in the region, reduced greenhouse gas emissions, the creation of in-state jobs and millions of dollars in new state and local taxes, and increasing the region's gross domestic product during construction and operation. At the same time, the NECPL will respect Vermont's natural beauty by installing the line underground in existing public rights-of-way, and underwater. In addition, the NECPL will aid Vermont and the New England region in meeting future load growth, and achieving renewable energy and climate change objectives. Finally, the NECPL will support Lake Champlain clean-up efforts, in-state renewable energy programs, and Vermont electric ratepayer relief through the creation of several public good benefit funds.

Service on Entities Listed in 30 V.S.A. § 248(a)(4)(C)

Please be advised of the following with respect to service on certain statutory interested parties entitled to receive a copy of the Petition under § 248(a)(4)(C). In order to avoid waste and reduce cost, and given the voluminous size of the Petition, TDI-NE is serving a paper copy of the Petition and an *electronic-only* copy of all supporting materials, including prefiled testimony and exhibits, on the following entities or persons who, in the experience of the undersigned, rarely participate in § 248 cases involving energy projects: the Office of the Attorney General, the Vermont Department of Health, and the Vermont Scenery Preservation Council. If any of these entities wish to receive a complete paper copy of any of the materials filed herewith, upon request to the undersigned, a copy will be sent. All other persons or entities identified in § 248(a)(4)(C) are receiving a paper copy and electronic copy of the Petition and supporting materials.

Notice to Adjoining Landowners

Pursuant to PSB Rule 5.402(B), TDI-NE is providing a paper copy of this letter, a project overview map, and the Petition (without supporting materials) to adjoining landowners.

TDI-NE is pleased to file this Petition and looks forward to commencement of the Board's review of the Project as soon as feasible, in order to be in a position to a Board decision by the end of 2015 to meet TDI-NE's target of commencing operations in April 2019.

Thank you in advance for your consideration, and please do not hesitate to contact us if you need any further information.

Sincerely,



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cc: Service List

Enclosures

1. Certificate of Service
2. Notice of Appearance
3. Petition for a Section 248 Certificate of Public Good
4. Notice to Adjoining Landowners
5. Statement of Compliance re Notice to Adjoining Landowners
6. Index of Section 248 Criteria and Corresponding Evidence
7. List of Prefiled Testimony and Exhibits
8. Prefiled Direct Testimony and Exhibits of the following witnesses:
 - a. Jessome-Martin-Bagnato
 - b. Wironen
 - c. Eng
 - d. Singer
 - e. Parker
 - f. Kavet
 - g. Nelson
 - h. Guerrero-Murphy
 - i. Kaliski
 - j. Buscher
 - k. Heitert
 - l. Olausen
 - m. Murphy
 - n. Bailey
 - o. Thuman
 - p. Sabick