



**TO: Adjoining Landowners**

**RE: Proposed New England Clean Power Link Project --  
Notice of Section 248 Petition filed with VT Public Service Board**

**CC: Vermont Public Service Board**

**DATE: December 8, 2014**

Dear Adjoining Landowners:

Champlain VT, LLC, d/b/a TDI New England (TDI-NE) today submitted an application (“Petition”) and supporting materials to the Vermont Public Service Board (PSB) for approval of the New England Clean Power Link (NECPL or Project), a proposed underground transmission line. You are receiving this letter because your property directly adjoins -- or would adjoin but for the presence of a river, stream, railroad line, or public highway -- some portion of the right-of-way or other lands to be used for the Project.

The NECPL is a proposed electric transmission line that will run from the Canadian border at Alburgh, Vermont to Ludlow, Vermont along underwater and underground routes. NECPL will transmit up to 1,000 megawatts (MW) of electricity that will be generated by renewable energy sources in Canada, and will be delivered to Vermont and the New England electric grid.

The NECPL will provide a number of significant benefits -- lower electricity costs in the region, reduced greenhouse gas and other air emissions, creation of Vermont jobs and new tax revenues in Vermont, and diversifying the fuel supply in New England -- all while respecting Vermont’s natural beauty by installing the line underground and underwater.

The remainder of this letter will provide you with information about the Project and the PSB’s review process, as required under its Rules.

### **Summary of the NECPL Project**

The NECPL will consist of the construction, operation, and maintenance of a high-voltage direct current (HVDC) electric power transmission system in Vermont that will have both aquatic (underwater) and overland (underground) segments. The proposed underwater portion of the transmission line, approximately 98 miles in length, will be buried to a target depth of 3-4 feet in the bed of Lake Champlain except at water depths of greater than 150 feet where the cables will be placed on the bottom and self-burial of the cables in sediment will occur. In shallow areas where there are obstacles to burial, protective coverings will be installed.

The overland portion of the transmission line, approximately 56 miles in length, will be buried approximately four feet underground within existing public (state and town) road rights-of-way (ROWS). The cables will be installed within a railroad ROW for approximately 3.5 miles in the town of Shrewsbury and Wallingford. Very short sections of the route at the Lake Champlain entry and exit points, as well as at the converter site in Ludlow, will be located on private land that is owned or controlled by TDI-NE. See attached map.

In Ludlow, the HVDC line will terminate at a converter station that will convert the electrical power from direct current (DC) to alternating current (AC). An underground AC line will run to the existing Coolidge Substation in Cavendish, Vermont that is owned and operated by the Vermont Electric Power Company, located approximately 0.3 miles along a town road to the south

The transmission line will be comprised of two approximately 5” diameter cables – one positively charged and the other negatively charged – and will be solid-state dielectric and thus contain no fluids or gases. The nominal operating voltage of the line will be approximately 300 to 320 kV, and the system will be capable of delivering 1,000 megawatts (MW) of electricity.

### **Information About the Public Service Board**

The Public Service Board has issued a *Citizens’ Guide to the Vermont Public Service Board’s Section 248 Process*, which can be found on the Public Service Board website (<http://psb.vermont.gov>) or at <http://psb.vermont.gov/sites/psb/files/publications/Citizens%27%20Guide%20to%20248%20February%2014%202012.pdf>. In addition, the entire petition and supporting materials (which include written testimony, plans, and other exhibits) will be available for review on our website, <http://necplink.com>, and at the offices of the Public Service Board, TDI-NE, or the municipal and regional planning commissions for towns and regions where the NECPL is proposed to be located. A full list of those locations is attached.

Should you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,



Donald Jessome, General Manager  
TDI New England

Enclosures:

- List of Petition Review Locations
- Project location map

Locations to Review the NECPL Section 248 Petition

Vermont Public Service Board

112 State Street  
Montpelier, Vermont 05602  
H: M-F, 7:45am-4:30pm

Benson Town Office

2760 Stage Road  
Benson, Vermont 05731  
H: M,T,Th - 9am-3pm  
W - 3pm-7pm

Cavendish Town Office

37 High Street  
Cavendish, Vermont 05142  
H: M-F, 9am-4:30pm

Fair Haven Town Office

3 North Park Place  
Fair Haven, Vermont 05743  
H: M-F, 8am-4pm

Ludlow Town Office

37 Depot Street  
Ludlow, Vermont 05149  
H: M-F, 8:30am-4:30pm

Rutland Town Office

181 Business Route 4  
Center Rutland, Vermont 05736  
H: M-F, 8am-4:30pm

Wallingford Town Office

75 School Street  
Wallingford, Vermont 05773  
H: M-Th, 8am-4:30pm

West Rutland Town Office

35 Marble Street  
West Rutland, Vermont 05777  
H: M-Th, 9am-3pm  
F by appt

Alburgh Town Office

1 North Main Street  
Alburgh, Vermont 05440  
H: M-F, 9am-5pm

Castleton Town Office

1653 Main Street  
Castleton, Vermont 05735  
H: M-Th, 8:30am-12:30pm,  
M,T,Th, 1:30pm-5pm  
W, 1:30pm-6pm

Clarendon Town Office

279 Middle Road  
Clarendon, Vermont 05759  
H: M-Th, 10am-4pm

Ira Town Office

53 West Road  
Ira, Vermont 05777  
H: T, 3pm-7pm  
F, 8:30am-2:30pm & by appt

Mount Holly Town Office

50 School Street  
Mount Holly, Vermont 05758  
H: M-Th, 8:30am-4pm

Shrewsbury Town Office

9823 Cold River Road  
Shrewsbury, Vermont 05738  
H: M-Th, 9am-3pm

West Haven Town Office

2919 Main Road  
West Haven, Vermont 05743  
H: M&W, 1pm-3:30pm  
& by appt

Northwest Regional Planning  
Commission

75 Fairfield Street  
Saint Albans, Vermont 05478  
Contact for hours: (802) 524-5958

Rutland County Regional Planning  
Commission

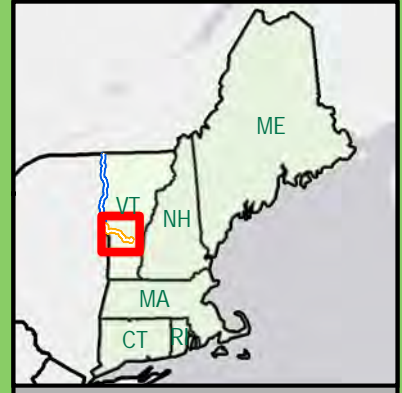
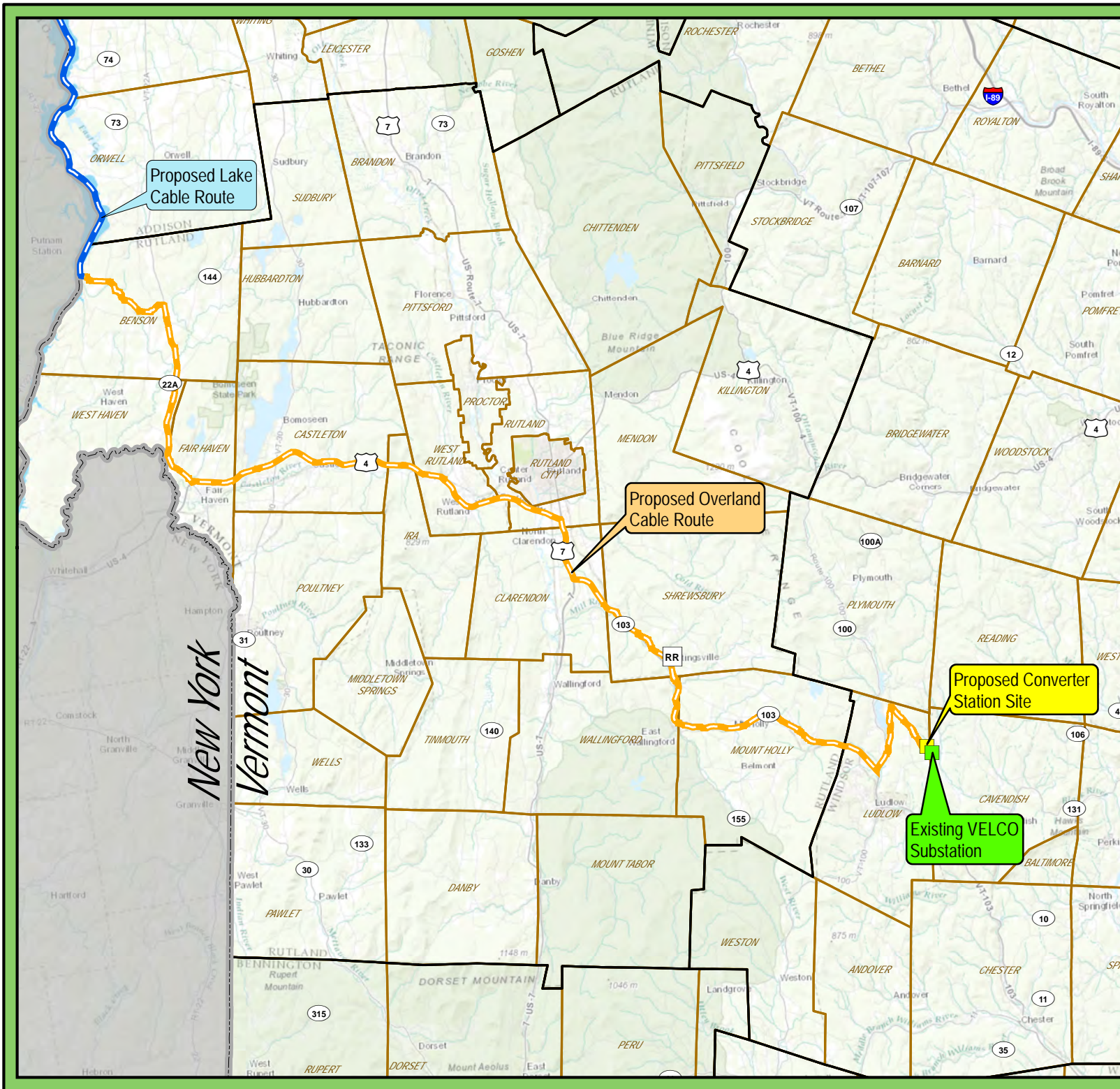
67 Merchants Row  
Rutland, Vermont 05702  
Contact for hours: (802) 775-1766

TDI New England

c/o Dunkiel Saunders  
91 College Street  
Burlington, Vermont 05402  
By appointment  
(802) 860-1003

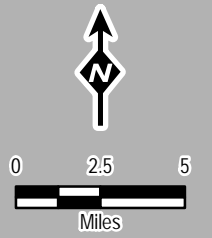
Southern Windsor County  
Regional Planning Commission

Ascutney Professional Building  
38 Ascutney Park Road  
Ascutney, Vermont 05030  
Contact for hours: (802) 674-9201



- Legend**
- Proposed Converter Station Site
  - Existing VELCO Substation
  - Proposed Lake Cable
  - Proposed Overland Cable
  - Town Boundary
  - Vermont County Boundary
  - State Boundary

Sources: ESRI, TRC, HDR, VHB, TDI New England, VCGI



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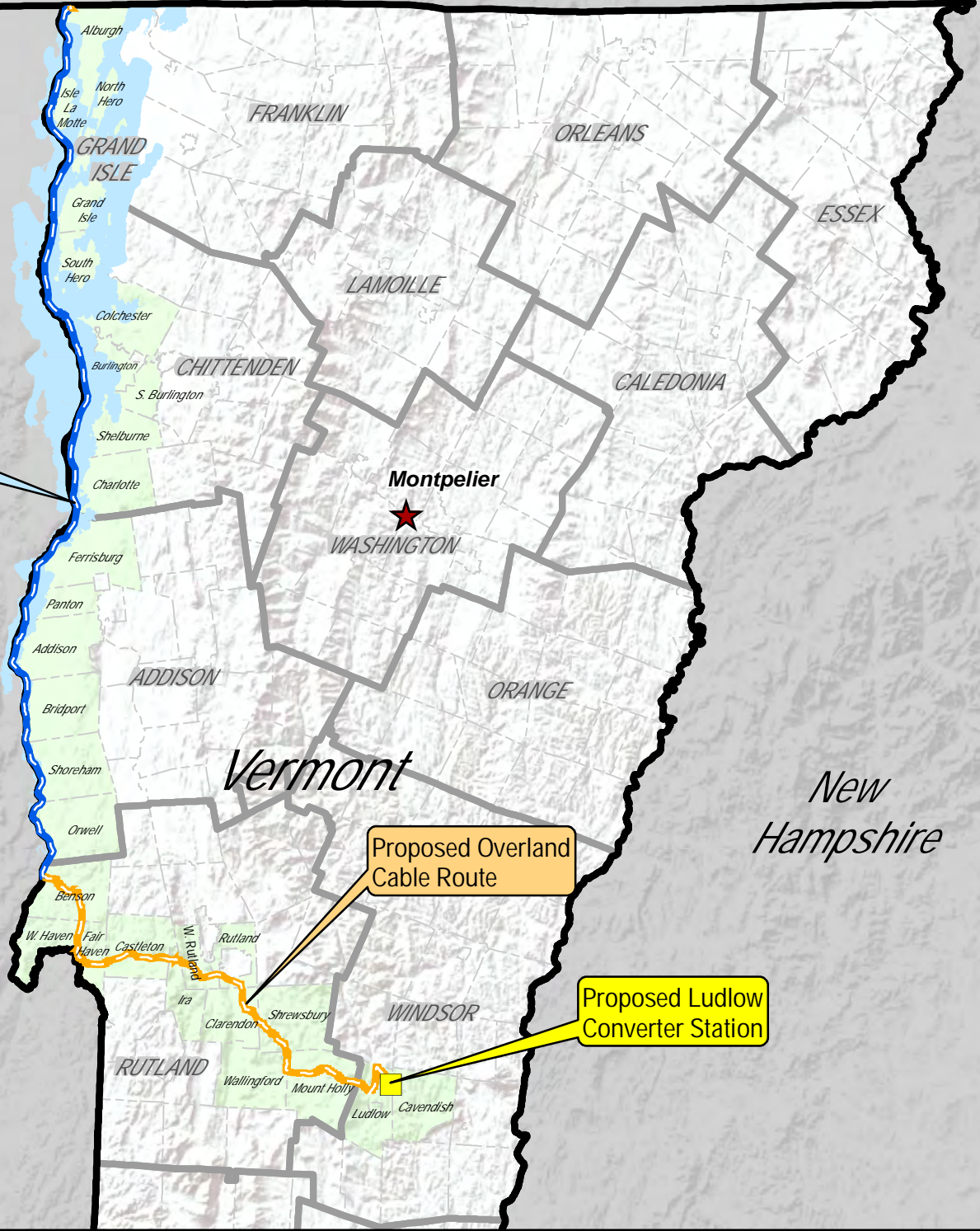
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**Overland Segment**  
*Rutland and Windsor Counties*

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Proposed Lake Cable Route

Proposed Overland Cable Route

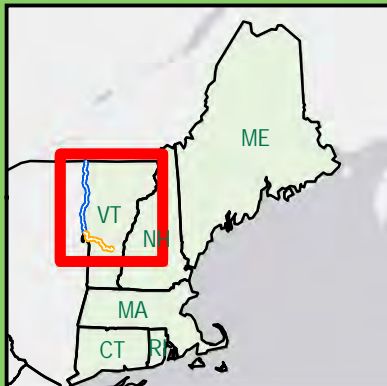
Proposed Ludlow Converter Station

New York

Vermont

New Hampshire

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- Proposed Lake Cable
- Proposed Overland Cable



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New England Clean Power Link

Project Overview Map  
*Vermont*

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