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**Subject: New England Clean Power Link Project
Section 404 / Section 10 Permit Application**

Dear Mr. Adams:

Champlain VT, LLC, d/b/a TDI-New England (Applicant or TDI-NE) is proposing to construct, operate, and maintain the New England Clean Power Link Project (Project) to bring renewable sources of power generation in Canada to Vermont and ISO-NE via underwater and underground high-voltage direct current (HVDC) transmission cables. On behalf of the Applicant, please find enclosed an application for construction permits pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (Application). The Applicant intends to supplement this Application in the near future with additional information regarding the anticipated impacts associated with the Project.

The Project will include construction, operation, and maintenance of an approximately 154-mile 1,000-MW, high-voltage electric power transmission system that will have both aquatic (underwater) and terrestrial (underground) segments in the State of Vermont. The underwater portions of the transmission line will be buried in the bed of Lake Champlain, except in areas where the water depth exceeds 150 feet, in which areas the Applicant proposes to place the cables on the Lake bottom. The terrestrial portions of the transmission line will be buried underground within roadway and rail system rights-of-way (ROWS) or on private property controlled by TDI-NE.

In addition to a completed ENG form 4345, the Application provides information related to the project purpose and description, construction methods, alternatives considered, and delineated wetlands and water resources. TDI-NE intends to supplement this application later this year with a quantification of wetlands impacts, avoidance/minimization/mitigation measures, and water quality modeling. The Applicant will also provide a listing of affected property owners at that time as well.

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We look forward to speaking with you in the near future about this application. Please feel free to contact me at 207-620-3717 or SFMurphy@TRCsolutions.com if you have any questions about the materials presented.

Regards,



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Enclosure

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