

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND MEETING REGARDING  
APPLICATION FOR CLEAN WATER ACT §401**

DATED: OCTOBER 1, 2015

A request for a Section §401 Water Quality Certification required pursuant to the provisions of Section 401 of the federal Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C §1341 has been received by the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) from Champlain VT, LLC dba TDI New England.

Approval is being requested for the New England Clean Power Link (NECPL). The proposed project 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 the New England electric grid. The project area drains to five major Vermont watersheds: the Lake Champlain main lake and south end watersheds, the Poultney River watershed, the Otter Creek watershed, and the Black River watershed. Eleven named streams will be crossed by the proposed alignment: Hubbardton River, Mud Brook, North Brenton Brook, Castleton River, Clarendon River, Otter Creek, Cold River, Freeman Brook, Branch Brook (crossed twice), Coleman Brook, and Black River, as well as Lake Bomoseen.

Public information meetings will be held: November 2, 2015 at 5:30pm, located at Holiday Inn of Rutland in the Governors Meeting Room at 476 Holiday Drive. Rutland, VT 05701, November 3, 2015 at 5:30pm, located at DoubleTree of Burlington in the Carriage Room, at 1117 Williston Road. South Burlington, VT 05403, and November 4, 2015 at 5:30pm, located at the St. Albans Town Fire Hall at 428 Lake Road. St. Albans, VT 05478. The purpose of the public meeting is to allow interested persons to submit comments on ANR's Section §401 Water Quality Certification draft determination for the project described above. The public meeting will be conducted pursuant to Section 13.3i of the Vermont Water Pollution Control Permit Regulations. Any person shall be permitted to submit oral or written statements and data concerning the proposed project's compliance with Vermont's Water Quality Standards. The Secretary of the Agency of Natural Resources or her designee may fix reasonable limits on the time allowed for oral statements.

Copies of the 401 application and the draft determination can be obtained using the following link: <http://www.watershedmanagement.vt.gov/cfm/notices/Sectionlist.cfm>, select 401 WQ Certification under section and click details next to either Part 1 or Part 2 for application details.

Comments may be filed in person at the public meeting or in writing by 4:30pm on **November 6, 2015** with:

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