

**Vermont Agency of Natural Resources
Department of Environmental Conservation**

PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION RECEIVED FOR
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The Watershed Management Division of the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (the Department) has received an application for a permit to discharge stormwater runoff from the construction of **New England Clean Power Link** located between Bay Road in Alburgh and Nelson Road in Ludlow in the towns of Alburgh, Benson, Fair Haven, West Haven, Castleton, Ira, West Rutland, Rutland, Clarendon, Shrewsbury, Wallingford, Mount Holly, Ludlow, and Cavendish. The applicant is the **Champlain VT, LLC dba TDI-New England**.

The complete application was originally received on **March 30,2015**.

The project would discharge sediment and other construction-related pollutants to the Black River, Lake Champlain, Otter Creek, and the Poultney River.

The Department's tentative determination is to issue an individual discharge permit with conditions to control, prevent, and mitigate impacts on water quality. The Secretary has determined that the permitted discharges satisfy Vermont's Anti-degradation Policy provided in Section 1-03 of the Vermont Water Quality Standards and the Department of Environmental Conservation's Interim Anti-degradation Implementation Procedure because the applicant has demonstrated how the proposed development will implement practices and monitor construction to ensure water quality is maintained in the receiving waters. In particular, the applicant has demonstrated how the proposed development will implement appropriate best management practices (BMPs) during construction in accordance with the Erosion Prevention and Sediment Control Plan (EPSC Plan) and how the applicant will ensure the project is closely monitored throughout construction.

Written comments will be accepted at the address below until the close of the public comment period on **November 6, 2015**. Comments may also be faxed to (802) 828-1544 or e-mailed to anr.wsmdstormwatercomments@state.vt.us. All comments received by the above date will be considered in the formulation of the final determination.

All comments must be received by the Department no later than 4:30 p.m. on that date. A public hearing will be held if there is significant public interest. During the comment period, interested persons should contact the Watershed Management Division in writing to either request a hearing or to be contacted in the event one is to be held. For information on the application, access to related documents, including the permit fact sheet and the draft permit, the Vermont Water Quality Standards (including §1-03 Vermont's Anti-degradation Policy) or the Vermont Standards and Specifications for Erosion Prevention and Sediment Control (2006), interested persons should contact:

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