

NOTICE OF PERMIT APPLICATIONS for Champlain VT, LLC dba TDI New England
October 1, 2015

Champlain VT, LLC, d/b/a TDI New England (TDI-NE), who is proposing the New England Clean Power Link ("NECPL", or "Project"; described below), has filed permit applications and supporting materials to the Vermont Department of Conservation ("VT DEC") for review and approval. You are receiving this notice as required by one or more of the following permits:

- Individual NPDES Construction Stormwater Discharge ("INDC") Permit Application and Erosion Prevention and Sediment Control Plans (revised submittal date August 4, 2015)
- Lake Champlain Encroachment Permit Application (revised submittal date July 14, 2015)
- Lake Bomoseen Encroachment Permit Application (original submittal date March 25, 2015)
- Stream Alteration Individual Permit Application (revised submittal date August 4, 2015)
- Flood Hazard Area and River Corridor Individual Permit (" revised submittal date August 4, 2015)
- Vermont Wetland Individual Permit Application (revised submittal date August 4, 2015)
- Section 401 Water Quality Certification Application (revised submittal date August 5, 2015)

Individual permit application notices applicable to your interests are enclosed. Complete electronic copies of the permit applications can be accessed online at www.necplink.com. Public meetings will be held to hear comments on the proposed permit applications/determinations as follows:

- Monday, November 2, 2015, 5:30pm, Location: Holiday Inn of Rutland, Governors Meeting Room, 476 Holiday Drive. Rutland, VT 05701.
- Tuesday, November 3, 2015, 5:30pm, Location: DoubleTree of Burlington, Carriage Room, 1117 Williston Road. South Burlington, VT 05403.
- Wednesday, November 4, 2015, 5:30pm, Location: St. Albans Town Fire Hall, 428 Lake Road. St. Albans, VT 05478.

Any person may file comments in writing on these applications by end of business on November 6, 2015 with the program indicated on the enclosed notice.

Summary of the NECPL 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 emissions, funding for Lake Champlain and Vermont Renewables, creation of Vermont jobs and new tax and lease revenues in Vermont, and diversifying the fuel supply in New England.

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 transmission line will be comprised of two approximately 5" diameter cables and will be solid-state dielectric and thus contain no fluids or gases. The proposed underwater portion of the transmission line, approximately 97 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.

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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 towns 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 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 approximately .3 miles along a town road to the existing Coolidge Substation in Cavendish, Vermont that is owned and operated by the Vermont Electric Power Company,

Additional NECPL Project information can be found at www.necplink.com. Individual DEC reviewers of specific permit applications are indicated on the enclosed notice(s). The TDI-NE Project Manager, Mr. Josh Bagnato, may be contacted at josh.bagnato@chvtllc.com or at 802-477-3830.