

**STATE OF VERMONT  
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD**

Petition of Champlain VT, LLC d/b/a TDI New England )  
for a Certificate of Public Good, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. §248, )  
authorizing the installation and operation of a high voltage )  
direct current (HVDC) underwater and underground electric )  
transmission line with a capacity of 1,000 MW, a converter )  
station, and other associated facilities, to be located in Lake )  
Champlain and in the Counties of Grand Isle, Chittenden, )  
Addison, Rutland, and Windsor, Vermont, and to be known )  
as the New England Clean Power Link Project (“NECPL”) )

Docket No. 8400

**SUPPLEMENTAL PREFILED DIRECT TESTIMONY OF  
CHRISTOPHER R. SABICK**

**ON BEHALF OF CHAMPLAIN VT, LLC**

August 26, 2015

Summary:

Mr. Sabick’s supplemental testimony addresses the Stipulation reached between TDI-NE and the Division for Historic Preservation, including proposed CPG conditions, and provides an update on the conclusions in his original testimony with regard to historic and archaeological resources within Lake Champlain.

1 **Q. Please state your name, occupation and business address.**

2 Response: My name is Christopher Robert Sabick, and I am Director of Archaeology at the  
3 Lake Champlain Maritime Museum (“LCMM”). LCMM is under contract to Champlain VT,  
4 LLC, d/b/a TDI New England (“TDI-NE”) to advise them on submerged cultural  
5 resources within Lake Champlain in relation to the New England Clean Power Link Project  
6 (the “NECPL”).

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8 **Q. Have you previously filed testimony in this proceeding?**

9 Response: Yes, I submitted prefiled direct testimony on behalf of Champlain VT, LLC  
10 d/b/a TDI New England concerning the New England Clean Power Link (“NECPL”) Project on December 8, 2014.

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13 **Q. What is the purpose of your supplemental testimony?**

14 Response: The purpose of my testimony is to addresses the agreement reached between  
15 TDI-NE and the Division for Historic Preservation (“DHP”), as part of the Stipulation  
16 between TDI-NE and the Department of Public Service (“DPS”), the Agency of Natural  
17 Resources (“ANR”) and DHP dated July 17, 2015 and submitted as *Exhibit TDI-JMB-19a*.  
18 With respect to that agreement, I provide an update on the conclusions in my original  
19 testimony with regard to historic and archaeological resources within Lake Champlain.

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1 **Q. Have you reviewed the conditions regarding historic resources included as**  
2 **Attachment III to the stipulation between TDI-NE, DPS, ANR, and DHP?**

3 Response: Yes, I have reviewed the conditions included in Attachment III of *Exhibit TDI-*  
4 *JMB-19a.*

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6 **Q. In your opinion, do these conditions adequately address any outstanding issues with**  
7 **regard to historical resources within Lake Champlain?**

8 Response: Yes, I believe the “Underwater Resources” section of Amendment III contains  
9 conditions that adequately address any outstanding issues with respect to historic sites and  
10 structures within Lake Champlain.

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12 **Q. In your professional opinion, assuming TDI-NE implements these conditions as it**  
13 **has agreed to do, does your original conclusion remain that the Project will not have an**  
14 **undue adverse impact on historic sites and structures within Lake Champlain?**

15 Response: Yes, if TDI-NE implements the conditions in the Stipulation, it remains my  
16 professional opinion that the Project will not cause an undue adverse impact to identified or  
17 potential historic sites or structures in Lake Champlain.

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19 **Q. Does this conclude your testimony at this time?**

20 Response: Yes, it does.