



**Town of Middlebury
77 Main Street
Middlebury, VT 05753**

January 3, 2023

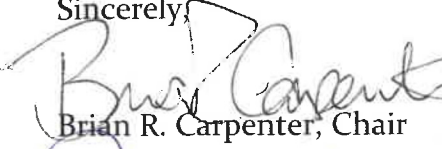
Ms. Holly R. Anderson, Clerk
Vermont Public Utility Commission
112 State Street
Montpelier, VT 05620


Re: VELCO's Middlebury Substation Project

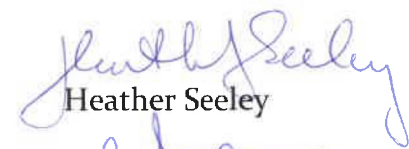
Dear Ms. Anderson:


The Town of Middlebury Selectboard would like to extend our support for VELCO's application to the Vermont Public Utility Commission for its project to improve and expand its Substation on Quarry Road in Middlebury. The Town of Middlebury's Municipal Plan dated 2017 describes the VELCO transmission corridor, and recognizes increased demand on the grid ("Local generation in Middlebury has increased markedly in recent years as solar arrays have become common in open fields and rooftops. Virtually all of this renewable power is fed into the grid" p.124). This project will help us improve our capacity for continuing that trend and reducing our reliance on fossil fuels as an energy source, a stated goal of the 2017 Town Plan.

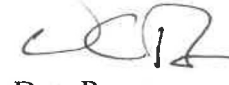
Sincerely,

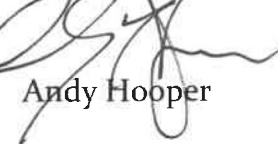

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