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### **Dutton Named VELCO President and CEO**

**Rutland, VT** – Christopher L. Dutton was named president and chief executive officer of Vermont Electric Power Company this morning following a vote by Vermont Electric Power Company’s board of directors.

“Chris Dutton brings a wealth of Vermont utility CEO experience, is recognized across the state as an innovative and thoughtful leader, and is the perfect person to lead VELCO into its next stages of development,” said Robert Clarke, Chairman of the VELCO Board.

Dutton, 61, assumes the position effective immediately and succeeds John J. Donleavy who resigned April 10<sup>th</sup>. VELCO is the state’s provider of electric transmission service. Dutton has served on the VELCO Board of Directors since 1997.

“I am very gratified by the unanimous support from the VELCO Board of Directors and I look forward to working with a great team of VELCO associates for the benefit of Vermont”, said Dutton upon his selection. He noted that, “VELCO plays a unique role in our state. In addition to ensuring high-quality grid reliability, the company is working with our distribution utility owners to implement a statewide smart grid and helping Vermont realize its broadband connectivity goals.”

Mr. Dutton served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Green Mountain Power from 1997-2008; after having held various management positions within GMP. Mr. Dutton practiced law as a partner in a Canton, Ohio law firm before coming to Green Mountain in 1984. He earned his law degree from Vanderbilt University and his undergraduate degree from Ohio Wesleyan University. He practiced law in Tennessee, Ohio and Vermont and served as a captain in the Judge Advocate General Corps of the United States Air Force. He serves as a member of the Vermont Law School Board of Trustees. He has also served as Chair of the Vermont Telecommunications Authority Board, Chair of the Chittenden South Supervisory School District, Chair of the Fletcher Allen Health Care Board of Trustees, a member of the Green Mountain Power Board of Directors, a member of the Champlain Valley Union High School Board of Directors, the Regional Technical Academy Committee and as a director of the Chittenden County United Way and the Flynn Center for the Performing Arts. He and his wife live in Shelburne and have two adult children. For more information about VELCO, please go to: [www.velco.com](http://www.velco.com)

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