

October 26, 2006

Dear Landowner or other Interested Party:

In the interest of solving some long-standing reliability issues in the Chittenden County area that are growing worse over time, VELCO is working with Green Mountain Power and Burlington Electric Department to improve the electric transmission system.

We want to discuss with you preliminary plans for the **East Avenue Loop** transmission upgrade. These plans will show you the proposed changes to the existing transmission line structures in relation to your property. There is still some flexibility about the placement of poles, and we are seeking your input. In this process we will try to address the expectations of property owners, while keeping several factors in mind, including:

- 1) The safe operation and maintenance of the structures;
- 2) The reliability of the entire transmission line network;
- 3) The cost of the design and the financial impact on the electric ratepayers of Vermont;
- 4) The impact of the structures on the environment;
- 5) The need to meet specific requirements contained in the Public Service Board's order which would authorize the construction of this project.

We are *scheduling two Informational Open Houses* so you can meet one-on-one with the VELCO, BED, and GMP staff and their experts to discuss various aspects of the project. You can stop by anytime between 6 and 9 p.m. at one of the following locations:

- **Tuesday, November 14 at Saint Michael's College, International Commons Building**
- **Wednesday, November 15 at South Burlington High School, Cafeteria 2**

During the Informational Open House you will be able to meet with the staff and experts on topics that include:

- Easement settlements, permitting overview and plans
- Vegetation management, danger trees, and initial clearing
- Aesthetic mitigation
- Electric and magnetic fields, also known as EMF
- Preliminary design review
- GIS (Graphical) modeling of areas of concern

Further information can be found at our web site at  
<http://www.velco.com/Templates/default.asp?pageId=3>



If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact:

- Mary Sullivan at Burlington Electric Department: 865-7417, [msullivan@burlingtonelectric.com](mailto:msullivan@burlingtonelectric.com) or
- Dotty Schnure at Green Mountain Power: 655-8418, [schnure@greenmountainpower.biz](mailto:schnure@greenmountainpower.biz)

While we hope that you will be able to attend one of these meetings, we know schedules can be difficult. We are more than happy to meet with individual landowners who request that we do so.

Your thoughts are important to us in our efforts to design the best possible electric system for your needs and for those of all electric energy users in the Chittenden County area.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kerrick Johnson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Kerrick Johnson  
Vice President for External Affairs  
Vermont Electric Power Company