

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Case No. 22-4338-PET

Petition of Vermont Transco LLC, and Vermont Electric Power Company, Inc. for a certificate of public good, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 248(j), authorizing upgrades to VELCO's existing Highgate Substation in Highgate, Vermont	
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Entered: 12/02/2022

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC GOOD (“CPG”) ISSUED
PURSUANT TO 30 V.S.A. SECTION 248

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the Vermont Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) this day found and adjudged that the site preparation, construction, operation, and maintenance of the upgrades to the Highgate Substation control building at 2731 Route 78 in Highgate, Vermont (the “Project”) by Vermont Electric Power Company, Inc. (“CPG Holder”), in accordance with the evidence and plans submitted in this proceeding, will promote the general good of the State, subject to the following conditions:

1. Site preparation, construction, operation, and maintenance of the Project shall be in accordance with the plans and evidence submitted in this proceeding. Any material deviation from these plans or a substantial change to the Project must be approved by the Commission. Failure to obtain advance approval from the Commission for a material deviation from the approved plans or a substantial change to the Project may result in the assessment of a penalty pursuant to 30 V.S.A. §§ 30 and 247.

2. Before beginning site preparation, construction, operation, or maintenance of the portions of the Project that are subject to necessary permits and approvals, the CPG Holder shall obtain those necessary permits and approvals. However, the CPG Holder may proceed with site preparation and construction without having first obtained the required Wastewater Permit and the Division of Fire Safety Permit. Site preparation, construction, operation, and maintenance of the Project shall otherwise be in accordance with such permits and approvals, and with all other applicable regulations, including those of the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources (“ANR”).

3. The CPG Holder shall restrict construction activities and related deliveries to the hours between 7:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. Monday through Friday and between 8:00 A.M. and

5:00 P.M. on Saturdays. No construction activities shall occur on Sundays or state or federal holidays with the exception of Bennington Battle Day. These restrictions do not apply where construction activities must be performed during required outages needed to maintain system reliability.

4. Before beginning site preparation, the CPG Holder shall file with the Commission, the parties, and the Town of Highgate a letter stating that it has fulfilled all pre-site preparation CPG conditions, and that it intends to commence site preparation for the Project.

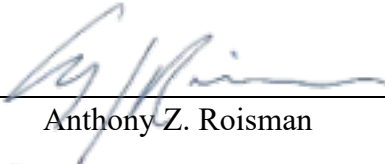
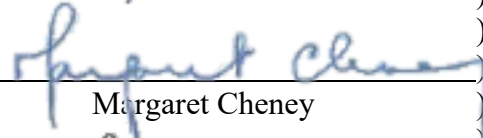
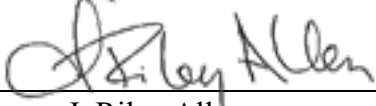
5. Before operating the Project, the CPG Holder shall file with the Commission, the parties, and the Town of Highgate a letter confirming that it has fulfilled all pre-operation CPG conditions and that it intends to commence operation of the Project.

6. The CPG Holder shall ensure that all rare, threatened, and endangered plant populations proximate to the Project (as shown on exhibit Petitioner EJM-5) shall be identified in the field prior to construction and protected from intrusions using exclusion fence and signage. In addition to these physical protection measures, the CPG Holder shall provide its construction crews with Project-specific environmental training that will include rare plant avoidance measures, including the type of fencing, flagging, and/or signage used to demarcate these sensitive resource areas as well as where these are located in relation to the proposed work. In order to limit the spread of non-native and invasive species (“NNIS”), the CPG Holder shall adhere to the NNIS Monitoring and Control Plan (exhibit Petitioner AM-4). Equipment shall be cleaned prior to working within 25 feet of the rare, threatened, and endangered plants. The CPG Holder shall monitor and control new occurrences of NNIS species within 15 feet of the rare, threatened, and endangered plants for a period of three years following construction.

7. The CPG Holder shall pay all invoices (if any) from any State agency that (a) are related to this proceeding and (b) are not still under review by the Commission.

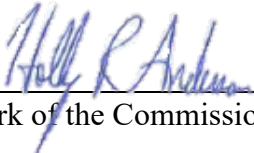
8. This Certificate of Public Good shall not be transferred without prior approval of the Commission.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 2nd day of December, 2022.

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Anthony Z. Roisman)	PUBLIC UTILITY
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Margaret Cheney)	
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J. Riley Allen)	

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

Filed: December 2, 2022

Attest: 

Clerk of the Commission

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