

**STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD**

Docket No. 8604

Joint Petition of Vermont Transco LLC, and)
Vermont Electric Power Company, Inc., for)
a certificate of public good, pursuant to)
30 V.S.A. § 248, authorizing the)
construction of the PV20 Cable)
Replacement Project from the New York)
border to the Town of Grand Isle, Vermont)

Entered: 6/29/2016

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

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the Vermont Public Service Board (“Board”) this day found and adjudged that the construction of the PV20 Cable Replacement Project from the New York border to the town of Grand Isle, Vermont, by Vermont Transco LLC, and Vermont Electric Power Company, Inc. (“VELCO”), in accordance with the evidence and representations submitted in this proceeding, will promote the general good of the State, subject to the following conditions:

1. Construction, operation, and maintenance of the Project shall be in accordance with the plans and evidence as submitted in this proceeding. Any material deviation from these plans or substantial change in the Project must be approved by the Board. Failure to obtain advance approval from the Board 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. Prior to proceeding with construction, VELCO shall obtain all necessary state and federal permits and approvals. Construction, operation, and maintenance of the Project shall be in accordance with such permits and approvals, and with all other applicable regulations.
3. VELCO shall restrict construction activities and related deliveries, except during required outages or as required by other permits, 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, and shall cease construction activities on Sundays and state and federal holidays.

4. VELCO shall engage a qualified environmental inspector during cable installation and removal activities who will be responsible for monitoring compliance with all applicable permits and the conditions of the Stipulation, Memorandum of Understanding, and CPG in this Docket.

5. VELCO shall construct the Project in accordance with the requirements of the following plans, which are attached to the Stipulation as Exhibits (i) through (v) and incorporated by reference into the Stipulation. VELCO shall not make any modifications or changes to those plans without prior consultation and approval of the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources (“ANR”):

- (i) Turbidity Monitoring Plan dated April 14, 2016;
- (ii) Aquatic Invasive Species Management Plan dated April 1, 2016;
- (iii) HDD Inadvertent Return Contingency Plan dated April 1, 2016;
- (iv) Installation Spill Prevention, Containment, and Contingency Plan dated March 10, 2016; and
- (v) Removal Spill Prevention, Containment, and Contingency Plan dated April 1, 2016.

6. VELCO shall limit lake bed disturbing activities to the period from June 1 to October 1. This restriction does not apply to horizontal direction drill (“HDD”) activities, provided that these HDD activities are conducted in a manner that prevents the introduction of sediments into or creation of turbidity within Lake Champlain (the “Lake”) beyond the immediate vicinity of the in-water HDD entry point. For purposes of this limitation, “lake bed disturbing activities” include activities related to both cable installation and cable removal, including the laying of cable on the lakebed.

7. VELCO shall not cause the permanent removal of woody debris, trees, stumps, historical sawn logs, rock, aquatic plants, or animal life from the Lake during installation and removal activities without advance approval from ANR. Advance approval is not required for incidental removal of small items, including those of the type listed above, that may be attached to or cling to the cable or other equipment during removal activities. Aquatic invasive species shall not knowingly be removed from the Lake, or moved from one portion of the Lake to

another portion of the Lake, except in accordance with the following: Aquatic invasive species that are inadvertently removed from the Lake during the cable-removal activities due to their attachment to the cables or other equipment shall not be transported on the outside of a vessel and shall only be transported and disposed of in a manner that will not cause reintroduction into the Lake or any other waters of the state of Vermont.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 29th day of June, 2016.

<u>s/James Volz</u>)	
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<u>s/Margaret Cheney</u>)	BOARD
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<u>s/Sarah Hofmann</u>)	

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

FILED: June 29, 2016

ATTEST: s/Judith C. Whitney
Clerk of the Board

Notice to Readers: This decision is subject to revision of technical errors. Readers are requested to notify the Clerk of the Board (by e-mail, telephone, or in writing) of any apparent errors, in order that any necessary corrections may be made. (E-mail address: psb.clerk@vermont.gov)

Appeal of this decision to the Supreme Court of Vermont must be filed with the Clerk of the Board within thirty days. Appeal will not stay the effect of this Order, absent further order by this Board or appropriate action by the Supreme Court of Vermont. Motions for reconsideration or stay, if any, must be filed with the Clerk of the Board within ten days of the date of this decision and Order.