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RE: Petition of Vermont Transco LLC, and Vermont Electric Power Company, Inc. (collectively, “VELCO”), for a Certificate of Public Good pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 248(j) authorizing upgrades to VELCO’s existing Highgate Substation, located in Highgate, Vermont

Dear Director Poor:

Pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 202(f), Vermont Transco LLC and Vermont Electric Power Company, Inc. (together, “VELCO”) request a determination by the Department of Public Service that the proposal to upgrade VELCO’s existing substation located at 2731 Route 78, Highgate, Vermont (the “Project”) is consistent with the Vermont Twenty-Year Electric Plan.

The Project is described in greater detail in a Petition and Prefiled Testimony of Dan Poulin, Andrew McMillan, and Ed McGann, which I am submitting to the Public Utility Commission today for approval under 30 V.S.A § 248(j). I have enclosed a copy of the filing for your convenience.

As described more fully in the testimony, the Project complies with the Twenty-Year Electric Plan because it improves reliability in a manner that is adequate, secure, sustainable and that assures affordability. VELCO has proposed making upgrades in an area presently impacted by electrical infrastructure, thereby lessening environmental and aesthetic impacts and costs to ratepayers.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Very truly yours,

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