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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 authorizing upgrades to VELCO's existing St. Johnsbury Substation, located in St. Johnsbury, Vermont

Dear Director Jordan:

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 397 Higgins Hill Road (Project) is consistent with the Vermont Twenty-Year Electric Plan.

The Project is described in greater detail in a Petition and Prefiled Testimony of John Fiske, Andrew McMillan, Ed McGann, and Michael Buscher, which I am submitting to the Public Utility Commission today for approval under 30 V.S.A § 248. 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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