

**STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD**

PSB Docket No. _____

Petition of Vermont Electric Cooperative,)
Inc. (VEC) Pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 248(j))
for a Certificate of Public Good authorizing)
VEC to replace transformers at its Fairfax)
Substation #1 located in Fairfax, Vermont)

PETITION FOR CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC GOOD
PURSUANT TO 30 V.S.A. § 248(j)

By this Petition, the Vermont Electric Cooperative, Inc. (referred to as “VEC” or “Petitioner”) represents as follows:

1. VEC is a company as defined in 30 V.S.A. § 201. VEC is also a duly organized electric cooperative under Chapter 81 of Title 30, Vermont Statutes Annotated.
2. VEC’s offices are located at 42 Wescom Road, Johnson, Vermont.
3. VEC owns and operates an electric system serving approximately 34,000 member-customers in 74 towns throughout Northern Vermont.
4. VEC owns and operates a 34.5 to 12.47 kV distribution substation, Fairfax Substation #1, located off Brick Church Road in the town of Fairfax (the “Fairfax Substation”). The Fairfax Substation normally serves approximately 1082 VEC consumer-members in the towns of Fairfax, Fairfield, St. Albans, Swanton, Fletcher and Georgia.
5. VEC proposes to replace the three existing transformers at the Fairfax Substation, each rated at 833 kVA with three larger transformers rated each at 1667 kVA thereby

increasing the Substation's capacity from 2499 kVA to 5001 kVA (the "Project"). VEC will perform all work within the substation fence.

6. VEC needs the new transformers because presently the existing transformers exceed their nameplate capacity ratings by a significant margin during peak period in the winter months, particularly the maple sugaring season.
7. Installing larger capacity transformers will allow VEC to serve the current load in the area and improve the overall reliability of the electric service to the area.
8. The estimated total cost of the proposed Project is \$40,000.
9. The proposed Project will result in an economic benefit to the Petitioner, its ratepayers, and the State of Vermont.
10. The proposed in-service date for the Project is the Winter of 2014.
11. The proposed Project will promote the general good of the State of Vermont. The proposed Project is needed to provide reliable service to the area of need.
12. The Petitioner identified the adjoining landowner by using the certified grand list as it existed no more than sixty days prior to the date the petition was filed. The grand list for the Town of Fairfax was certified on June 1, 2013. The adjoining landowners are:

Leon Graves
4954 Frank Day Road
Marcellus, NY 13108

Wayne Barber
464 Carroll Hill Road
Fairfax, VT 05454

Alfred V. Daniels
609 Cherriville Road
Fairfax, VT 05454

13. The Board can appropriately process and resolve this Petition under the provisions of 30 V.S.A. § 248(j) because the proposal:
- involves construction of facilities under 30 V.S.A. § 248(a)(2);
 - is of limited size and scope;
 - does not raise a significant issue with respect to the substantive criteria of 30 V.S.A. § 248; and
 - is such that the public interest will be satisfied by use of the procedures delineated in 30 V.S.A. § 248(j).
14. In support of this Petition, VEC submits prefiled testimony and exhibits sponsored by Kris Smith. Mr. Smith generally describes the proposed Project, summarizes its benefits, and addresses the Section 248 criteria.
15. The Project meets all of the criteria established by 30 V.S.A. § 248, including the environmental criteria incorporated from Title 10 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 248(b)(5), and will promote the general good of the state.

Request for Relief

WHEREFORE, the Petitioner respectfully requests this Board to:

1. Determine that 30 V.S.A. § 248(j) review is appropriate.
2. Waive notice and hearing in accordance with 30 V.S.A. § 248(j).
3. Make findings as required by 30 V.S.A. § 248(j).

4. Find that the Project will promote the general good of the State of Vermont, and authorize the Petitioner to undertake the actions described herein and in the attached testimony and exhibits.
5. Issue a Certificate of Public Good to the Petitioner as required for the Project.
6. Take such other actions as may be required for the expeditious review of this application.

DATED at Montpelier, Vermont this 12th day of August, 2013.

VERMONT ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

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