

STATE OF VERMONT  
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Docket No. 6479

Petition of Vermont Electric Power Company, )  
Inc. for a Certificate of Public Good authorizing )  
the construction of certain additions to its high- )  
voltage transmission facilities located in the )  
Towns of West Rutland and Cavendish, )  
Vermont, to be known as the Rutland Regional )  
Reliability Project -- )

Entered: 8/1/2001

**CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC GOOD ISSUED**  
**PURSUANT TO 30 V.S.A. SECTION 248**

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the Public Service Board of the State of Vermont this day found and adjudged that the construction by Vermont Electric Power Company, Inc. ("VELCO") of transmission facilities at VELCO's existing West Rutland and Coolidge Substations, in order to reliably interconnect and operate the existing 27.4 mile long Coolidge to West Rutland transmission line at 345 kV, plus the construction of 1.18 miles of 115 kV transmission line from the existing West Rutland Substation and parallel to the existing 115 kV line will promote the general good of the State, subject to the following conditions:

1. Construction, operation and maintenance of the facility shall be in accordance with the plans and evidence submitted in this proceeding.
2. VELCO shall obtain and comply with all conditions and requirements of all necessary permits and approvals.
3. VELCO shall comply with the Stipulation, entered into the record as Exhibit Joint-1, regarding this facility and shall undertake all actions and perform all studies, evaluations, and analyses required by that Stipulation.
4. VELCO shall install and maintain plantings in accordance with the following:

- (a) VELCO will install plantings at the West Rutland Substation in accordance with Attachment A to the Stipulation. Said attachment consists of a memorandum from Terry Boyle to Steve Litkovitz, dated May 1, 2001, and an attached planting plan;
- (b) At the Coolidge Substation, VELCO will install plantings as recommended by Mr. Boyle in his March 16, 2001, prefiled testimony (page 6, line 19 through page 7, line 3) and Exhibit VELCO/TJB-4, dated March 14, 2001; and
- (c) VELCO shall keep in a healthy, growing condition all plant material installed as part of the project or pursuant to the Stipulation or this CPG. Should any of this plant material die or fail to thrive sufficiently to provide the intended esthetic mitigation, VELCO will replace it with the same material, or similar material that accomplishes the same mitigation if the original material is unavailable or determined not to be suited to the particular location within which it was planted. Any such replacement shall occur as soon as seasonably practical.

4. The Board has continuing jurisdiction to ensure that this facility continues to promote the general good of the state and to meet the criteria set out in or incorporated by 30 V.S.A. § 248, and to resolve any disputes arising under the above-referenced Stipulation.

5. VELCO shall comply with the stipulations of the Division for Historic Preservation contained in Attachment B to the Stipulation. Said attachment consists of a letter, dated April 6, 2001, from the Division of Historic Preservation to Tonia C. Karnedy, P.E., except that all references in those stipulations to the DPS shall be deemed to be references to the Board.

6. VELCO shall maintain the following buffer zones: (a) one zone of at least one hundred feet in width on each side of the stream that crosses beneath the transmission lines running in a southerly direction from the West Rutland Substation, at a location approximately 3100 feet south of such substation; (b) two additional zones, each at least one hundred feet in width, one being beneath the above-referenced transmission lines and approximately 5300 feet south of such substation, and the other being approximately 1100 feet west of the transmission tap line, all as

shown on the map which is Attachment C to the Stipulation. For purposes of this condition, "buffer zone" means an area within which no new structures will be erected and within which vegetation will be permitted to grow to a height of at least twelve feet.

7. VELCO shall comply with the proposed conditions of the Department of Fish and Wildlife regarding deer wintering areas. Specifically, it shall: quantify the amount of softwood cover along the proposed newly widened corridor; use manual vegetation management practices along this corridor segment; allow a few specified areas to grow to heights conducive to wildlife movement across the subject corridor; and promote the growth of some existing apple trees in the subject corridor.

8. This certificate shall not be transferred without prior approval of the Board.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2001.

<u>s/Michael H. Dworkin</u>	)	
	)	PUBLIC SERVICE
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<u>s/David C. Coen</u>	)	BOARD
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<u>s/John D. Burke</u>	)	

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

FILED: August 1, 2001

ATTEST: s/Susan M. Hudson

Clerk of the Board

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