

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Docket No. 6682

Petition of Citizens Communications Company)
for a Certificate of Public Good Pursuant to 30)
V.S.A. §248 for the retirement and removal of)
the 46/12.47 kV H.K. Webster Substation, and)
for the reconstruction of the 46/4.16 kV)
Richford Substation to operate at 46/12.46 kV in)
re: Motion to Amend CPG

Order entered: 4/21/2004

I. INTRODUCTION

On July 10, 2002, the Board issued a certificate of public good ("CPG") to Citizens Communications Company ("Citizens") to: (1) retire an existing 1.9 mile 46 kV transmission line in Richford, Vermont; (2) retire the existing 46/12.47 kV H.K. Webster Substation in Richford; and (3) upgrade the existing 46/4.16 kV Richford Substation to operate at 46/12.47 kV. On February 2, 2004, Citizens filed a motion to amend this CPG to allow it to modify the upgrades to the equipment at the Richford Substation. We approve that motion in today's Order.

On April 1, 2004, Citizens transferred substantially all of its assets located in Vermont to Vermont Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("VEC"), including the Richford Substation.¹ On April 7, we granted a motion for substitution of parties in this Docket, requested by VEC. Consequently, this Order and accompanying CPG will refer to VEC as the owner of the substation.

II. FINDINGS

1. VEC proposes to make the following modifications to the Richford substation: move the control house from the southwest corner of the substation to the northwest corner; move the centerline of the facilities south about eight feet; remove the tap carrying pole between the

1. See Docket 6850.

transformer and the distribution bus; and remove the two switches and four poles on the west of the substation and replace them with a unitized switch on one pole just outside the substation fence. Letourneau pf. at 2-3.

2. All other aspects of the project, as approved by the July 10, 2002, CPG, will remain as proposed, including the planned access to the Richford Substation, the existing screening plan and VEC's commitment to remove the 46 kV oil circuit breaker and install an oil containment facility. Letourneau pf. at 2.

3. The proposed modifications will not result in a change to the configuration or size of the substation fence. There will be no change to the capacity of the substation, nor will there be additional costs from the proposed modifications. Letourneau pf. at 3.

4. The proposed modifications will result in more efficient use of space within the substation. Letourneau pf. at 3.

5. The proposed modifications to the Richford Substation will not have an impact on any of the criteria under 30 V.S.A. § 248. Letourneau pf. at 3.

III. DISCUSSION

The Vermont Department of Public Service ("Department") was the only party to file a response to VEC's motion. The Department did not oppose the Motion for Amendment. Additionally, the Department filed a determination under 30 V.S.A. § 202(f) regarding VEC's proposed modifications. The proposed modifications to the substation are of limited size and scope and do not raise an issue with respect to the substantive criteria of 30 V.S.A. § 248.

IV. CONCLUSION

We conclude that VEC's proposed modifications to the Richford Substation do not raise an issue with respect to the substantive criteria of 30 V.S.A. § 248, and will promote the general good of the State of Vermont. Accordingly, we grant VEC's Motion for Amendment and issue an amended CPG for the modifications at the Richford Substation.

V. ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by the Public Service Board of the State of Vermont that the proposed modifications, in accordance with the evidence and plans presented in this proceeding, will promote the general good of the State of Vermont in accordance with 30 V.S.A. § 248, and a certificate of public good shall be issued in this matter.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 21st day of April, 2004.

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

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