

Law Offices Of
MORRIS L. SILVER, ESQ.
THE KELLOGG FARM
Stage Road
Post Office Box 606
Benson, Vermont 05731-0606
Telephone 802-537-2264
Fax 802-537-2265
MLSILVER@SOVER.NET

February 12, 2015

Town of Wallingford
Selectboard
75 School Street
Wallingford, Vermont 05773

Re: Petition of Green Mountain Power Corporation (GMP) for a Certificate of Public Good pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 248(j) authorizing the upgrade of the GMP Wallingford Substation including: replacement of the existing 5 MVA transformer with a 7.5 MVA transformer, upgrading of the existing voltage regulators from 328 Amp to 438 Amp, and installation of a security system in Wallingford, Vermont

45-Day Advance Notice Package

To the Wallingford Selectboard:

Green Mountain Power Corporation (“GMP”) recently designed a project to upgrade electric transmission facilities in the Town of Wallingford, Vermont. The Project, which is intended to increase substation capacity and reliability, will involve upgrades to the existing Wallingford substation located at 30 Maple Street (the “Project”).

The Project is needed to address aging infrastructure and increase substation capacity, efficiency and reliability. Presently the Wallingford Substation is home to a 5 MVA transformer that feeds one circuit (#23) with three 328-Amp voltage regulators. The 5 MVA transformer was relocated to this site when the substation was reconstructed and relocated in 2002.¹ The Project calls for the removal of the substation’s existing transformer and the installation of a new 7.5 MVA transformer, an upgrade to 438-Amp voltage regulators and the installation of a distribution breaker, a new relay/control panel and a security system. To perform the work GMP will need to install a portable substation inside the existing fenced in yard in order to continue to provide service when the work is performed on the substation. When complete, the overall

¹ See PSB Docket No. 6747, Petition of Central Vermont Public Service Corporation, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 248(j), for a Certificate of Public Good authorizing reconstruction and relocation of the Wallingford Substation in Wallingford, Vermont, dated 10/9/2002.

appearance of the substation should be largely unchanged and no adjustment to the existing fence or entrance is planned.

Before beginning work on the Project, GMP must obtain a Certificate of Public Good (“CPG”) from the Vermont Public Service Board (the “Board” or “PSB”) under 30 V.S.A. Section 248. Before issuing a CPG, the Board must find, among other things, that the Project “will not unduly interfere with the orderly development of the region with due consideration having been given to the recommendations of the municipal and regional planning commissions, the recommendations of the municipal legislative bodies, and the land conservation measures contained in the plan of any affected municipality.”

Because all of the work associated with the proposed Project will take place within an existing substation facility, there should be no impacts to groundwater or surface water features, wildlife species or habitat, aesthetics, historic sites, or any other natural or cultural resources. Materials will be transported to the construction site by truck over Vermont Route 7 and local highways. The use of these roads will be limited and all Project activity is expected to occur between late September of 2015 and February of 2016.

When completed the reconstructed substation will cover the site of the existing Wallingford substation. In terms of visual impact, the Project will not introduce new elements to the context of its surroundings: the appearance of the substation will be compatible with the existing facility it replaces. The Project elements should not be shocking or offensive, and will not violate any written community standard. Existing aesthetic mitigation measures should remain unchanged. The reuse of the existing location should assure that the Project does not result in adverse impact on aesthetics or the scenic and natural beauty of the area. A more detailed aesthetic analysis will be provided with the company’s petition.

Enclosed is an aerial photo showing the existing substation and a site plan for the upgraded substation based on the design being proposed by GMP. Together these attachments show the location and design of all Project elements. The information contained in this package is intended to provide a general understanding of the Project, but is subject to change based on further analysis and the requirements of applicable permits.

If you have any questions about the Project, we will be happy to answer them, and should the Selectboard wish to make any recommendations on the Project, GMP will be pleased to address them. If you would like to contact me by phone, my number is (802) 537-2264. GMP intends to file a petition for issuance of a CPG with the Public Service Board on or after March 30, 2015 (unless you agree to waive the comment period). GMP will ask that its Petition be reviewed under the provisions of 30 V.S.A. §248(j).

Section 248(f) requires that municipal legislative bodies make recommendations, if any, to the Board and to GMP at least seven (7) days prior to the filing of the petition (*i.e.*, by March 23, 2015). Selectboards may also provide revised recommendations within 45 days of the date on which the petition is filed with the Board if the petition contains new or more detailed

Wallingford Selectboard
February 12, 2015
Page 3

information not included in this notice. Please be aware that the Board has issued a publication entitled "Guide to the Vermont Public Service Board's Section 248 Process," which is available through the Board's website at:

<http://psb.vermont.gov/statutesrulesandguidelines/guidelines#248>.

Thanks for your help and consideration.

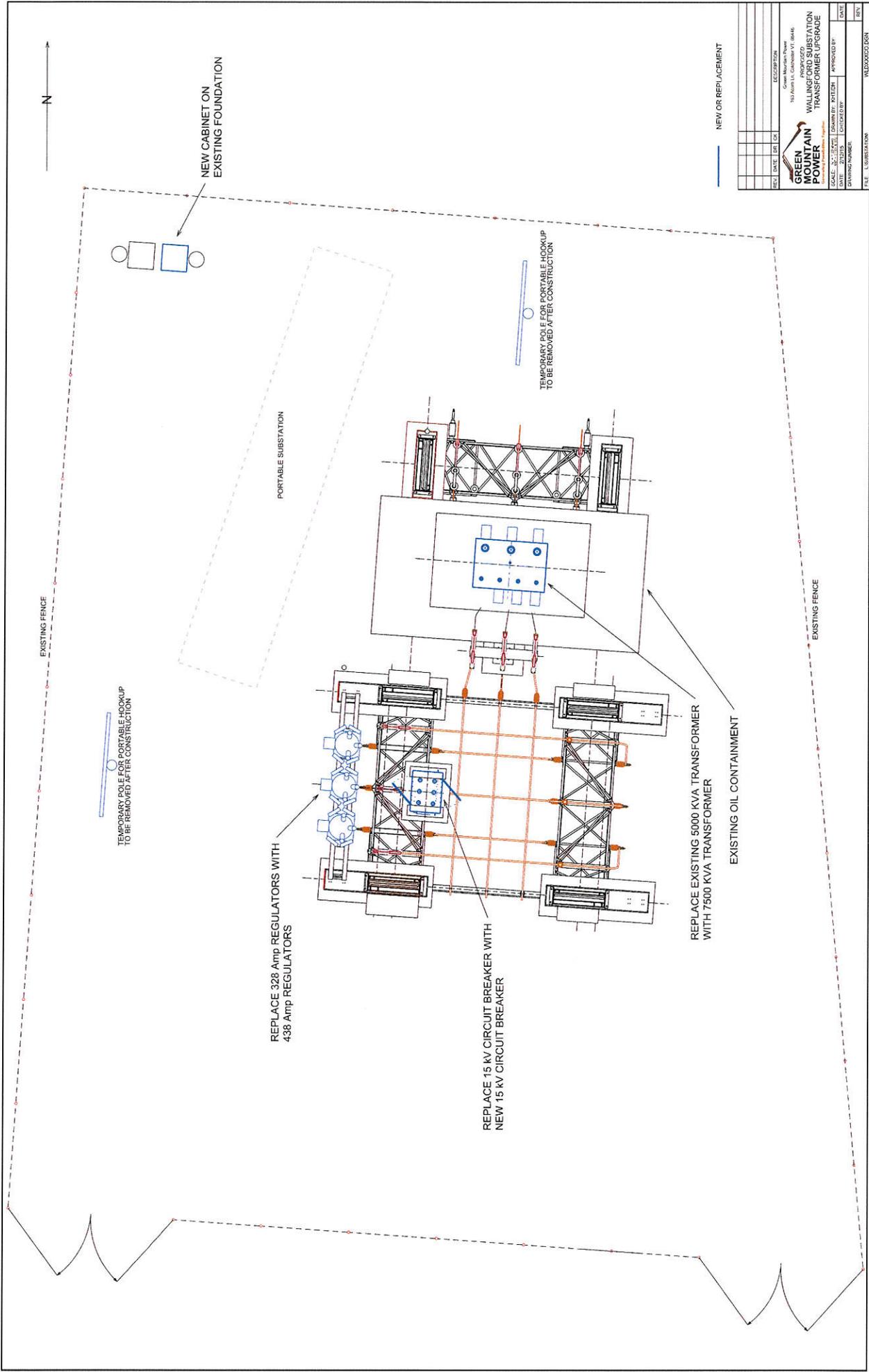
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Morris L. Silver". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the left.

Morris L. Silver
Counsel for
Green Mountain Power Corporation

MLS/m
Enclosures

cc: Ms. Susan M. Hudson, Clerk, Vermont Public Service Board
Geoff Commons, Esq., Public Advocate, Vermont Public Service Department
General Counsel, Vermont Agency of Natural Resources
Tim Upton, Environmental Manager, GMP



NEW OR REPLACEMENT

REV.	DATE	BY	CHK	DESCRIPTION

GREEN MOUNTAIN POWER <small>100 North U.S. Corporation VT, 05416</small>		WALLINGFORD SUBSTATION TRANSFORMER UPGRADE
SCALE: 1/2" = 1'-0" DATE: 12/2015 DRAWING NUMBER:	DESIGNED BY: CHECKED BY:	APPROVED BY: DATE:
FILE: L1082101.DWG	REV: 001	REV: 001



15th Street

7

15th Street

15th Street

15th Street