



TDI New England

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Dear LANDOWNER/TOWN OFFICE/REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION:

Champlain VT, LLC, d/b/a TDI-New England ("Applicant" or "TDI-NE") has submitted a wetland permit application with the Agency of Natural Resources, Department of Environmental Conservation ("DEC"). The wetland permit is part of the permit application process for the New England Clean Power Link ("NECPL" or "Project"). The NECPL is designed to transmit high voltage direct current ("HVDC") electricity, with a capacity of 1,000 megawatts ("MW"), from Canada to the New England electric grid via a buried HVDC transmission system. The NECPL is proposed entirely within public right of ways or property controlled by TDI-NE. You are receiving this notice, because you own property that is adjacent to these public right of ways or TDI-NE property where impacts to Class II wetlands or buffers are expected to occur during construction.

In accordance with Section 9.2 of the Vermont Wetland Rules, enclosed you will find:

- Cover sheet that provides a narrative of the overall Project
- A list of Town offices and Regional Planning offices where copies of the complete permit application can be reviewed
- A Project Overview Map

In accordance with state and federal permitting guidelines and after working directly with the DEC, the Applicant has undertaken certain Project revisions and implemented a number of Project-specific measures, for both the construction and operational phases of the Project, in order to first avoid, and then minimize, unavoidable impacts to all wetlands and waters (i.e., streams), in particular state-significant Class II wetlands and buffers. As such, the proposed Project would completely avoid permanent impacts (such as the placement of fill) to all wetlands, including Class II wetlands.

Section 12.4 of the complete Vermont Wetland Permit Application describes avoidance, minimization, and mitigation measures. As described in Sections 12.4.3 of the Application, the Project would mitigate for unavoidable impacts through the use of Best Management Practices implemented during/following construction and the implementation of a Vegetation Management Plan.

In addition to this notice, the DEC will issue another public notice on the various permit applications associated with the Project in the near future, which will include information on the date, time and locations of public meetings on the Project.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions related to these materials

Sincerely,

Josh Bagnato
Project Manager, TDI-NE
802-477-3830
Josh.bagnato@chvtllc.com

Enclosures:

- Cover Sheet
- List of Town Office and Regional Planning Offices
- Project Overview Map

NOTICE OF PERMIT APPLICATION
September 10, 2015

Champlain VT, LLC, d/b/a TDI New England (TDI-NE), the company proposing the New England Clean Power Link ("NECPL", or "Project"; described below), has filed permit applications and supporting materials with the Vermont Department of Conservation ("DEC") for review and approval. You are receiving this notice as required by The Vermont Wetland Individual Permit Application (revised submittal date August 4, 2015).

Complete electronic copies of the permit application can be accessed online at www.necplink.com. Public meetings will be held by the State of Vermont to receive comments on the proposed permit applications/determinations, and you will be notified of these meetings in a Public Notice to be issued by the DEC at a later date, which notice will include information on the date, time, and location of the public meetings on the Project.

Summary of the NECPL Project

The NECPL is a proposed electric transmission line that will run from the Canadian border at Alburgh, Vermont to Ludlow, Vermont along underwater and underground routes. NECPL will transmit up to 1,000 megawatts (MW) of electricity that will be generated by renewable energy sources in Canada and will be delivered to Vermont and the New England electric grid.

The NECPL will provide a number of significant benefits -- lower electricity costs in the region, reduced greenhouse gas emissions, funding for Lake Champlain and Vermont Renewables, creation of jobs and new tax and lease revenues in Vermont, and diversification of the fuel supply in New England.

The NECPL will consist of the construction, operation, and maintenance of a high-voltage direct current (HVDC) electric power transmission system in Vermont that will have both aquatic (underwater) and overland (underground) segments. The transmission line will be comprised of two approximately 5" diameter cables and will be solid-state dielectric and, thus, the cables contain no fluids or gases. The proposed underwater portion of the transmission line, approximately 97 miles in length, will be buried to a target depth of 3-4 feet in the bed of Lake Champlain except at water depths of greater than 150 feet where the cables will be placed on the bottom and self-burial of the cables in sediment will occur. In shallow areas where there are obstacles to burial, protective coverings will be installed.

The overland portion of the transmission line, approximately 56 miles in length, will be buried approximately four feet underground within existing public (state and town) road rights-of-way (ROWs). The cables will be installed within a railroad ROW for approximately 3.5 miles in the towns of Shrewsbury and Wallingford. Very short sections of the route at the Lake Champlain entry and exit points, as well as at the converter site in Ludlow, will be located on private land that is controlled by TDI-NE. See attached map.

In Ludlow, the HVDC line will terminate at a converter station that will convert the electrical power from direct current (DC) to alternating current (AC). An underground AC line will run approximately .3 miles along a town road to the existing Coolidge Substation in Cavendish, Vermont, which is owned and operated by the Vermont Electric Power Company,

Additional NECPL Project information can be found at www.necplink.com. The TDI-NE Project Manager, Josh Bagnato, may be contacted at josh.bagnato@chvtllc.com or at 802-477-3830.

TDI – NE: NEW ENGLAND CLEAN POWER LINK

**LIST OF TOWN OFFICES AND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSIONS WHERE A COMPLETE
VERMONT WETLAND PERMIT APPLICATION CAN BE FOUND**

Town of Castleton
Town Clerk Nedra Boutwell
P.O. Box 727
Castleton, VT 05735

Town of Ludlow
Town Clerk Ulla Cook
P.O. Box 307
Ludlow, VT 05149

Town of Shrewsbury
Town Clerk Mark Goodwin
9823 Cold River Road
Shrewsbury, VT 05738

Town of West Rutland
Town Clerk Chris Wener
35 Marble Street
West Rutland, VT 05777

Town of Clarendon
Town Clerk Gloria Menard
P.O. Box 30
Clarendon, VT 05759

Town of Mount Holly
Town Clerk Susan Covalla
P.O. Box 248
Mount Holly, VT 05758

Town of Wallingford
Town Clerk Julie Sharon
75 School Street
Wallingford, VT 05773

Town of Benson
Town Clerk Daphne Bartholomew
P.O. Box 163
Benson, VT 05731

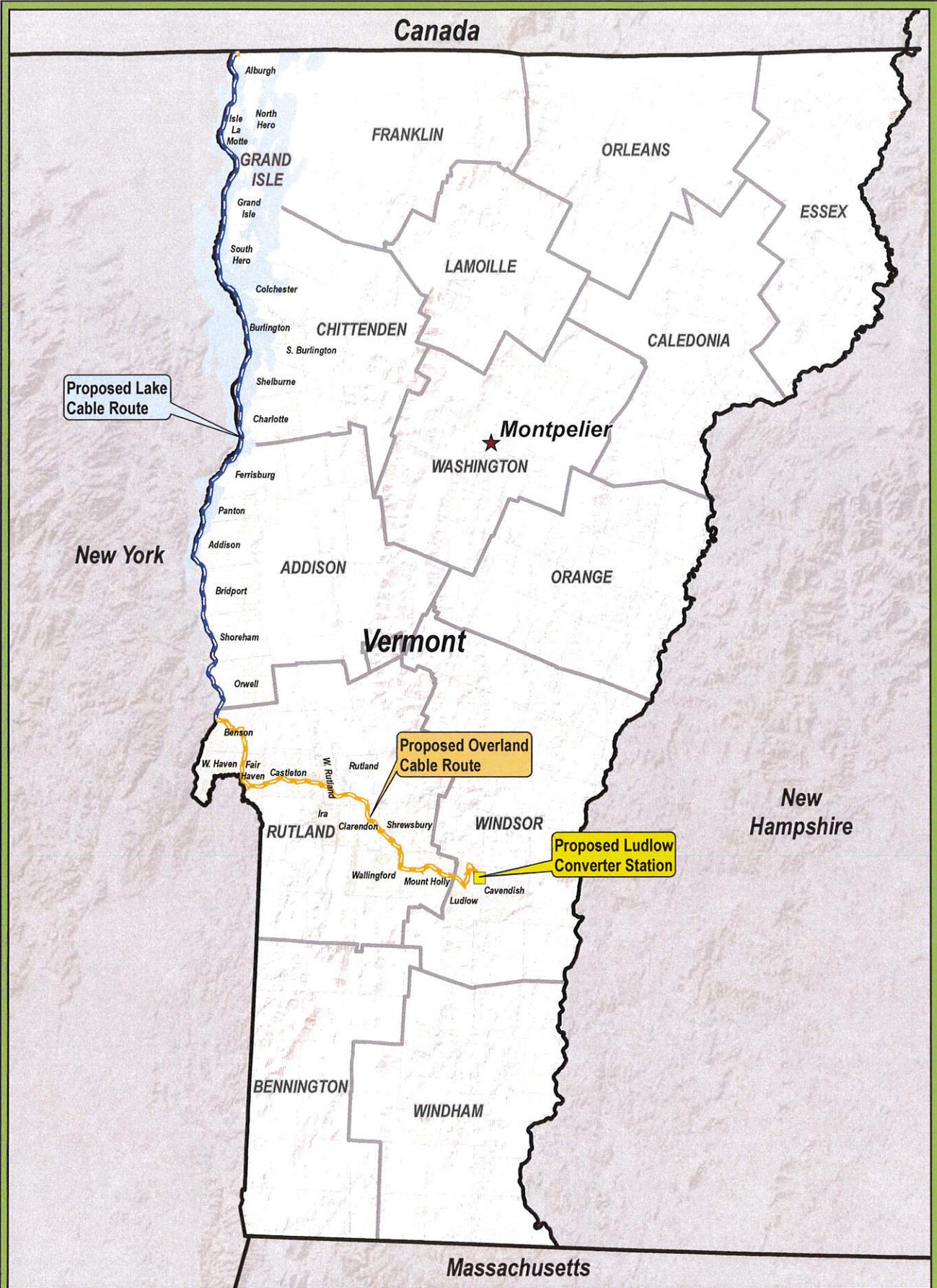
Town of Fair Haven
Town Clerk Suzanne Dechame
3 North Park Place
Fair Haven, VT 05743

Town of Rutland
Town Clerk Donna Zeller
181 Business Route 4
Center Rutland, VT 05736

Town of West Haven
Town Clerk Carol Richards
2919 Main Road
West Haven, VT 05743

Southern Windsor County Regional Planning Commission
P.O. Box 320
Ascutney, VT 05030

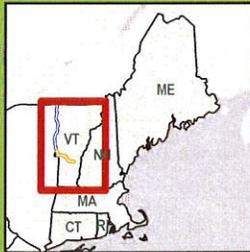
Rutland County Regional Planning Commission
P.O. Box 965
Rutland, VT 05702



Proposed Lake Cable Route

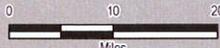
Proposed Overland Cable Route

Proposed Ludlow Converter Station



Legend

- Proposed Ludlow Converter Site
- Proposed Lake Cable
- Proposed Overland Cable



Sources: ESRI, TRC, HDR, VHB, TDI New England, VCGI

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 New England Clean Power Link

Project Overview Map
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