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Re: Proposed Franklin County Line Upgrade Project

Dear Neighbor,

You are receiving this notice as a neighboring landowner to a Vermont Electric Power Company (VELCO) transmission line that begins in Highgate, runs through Swanton and St. Albans and terminates in Georgia. We want to ensure you are aware of the likelihood of future structure replacement work within this line's existing corridor that is under consideration for the 2024-2025 timeframe. We refer to this emerging project proposal as the Franklin County Line Upgrade.

As the planner, builder, operator and manager of Vermont's high-voltage electric transmission system, it is VELCO's responsibility to ensure grid safety, reliability, and efficiency. A routine inspection of this Highgate-to-Georgia line revealed that 146 of its 212 wooden transmission structures, 60 percent of which have been in place since 1958, are in need of replacement in order to maintain safe and reliable grid operations. So we are pursuing this work in order to better ensure transmission system reliability.

Beyond reliability, our company's vision also challenges us to help create a sustainable Vermont. In the case of the emerging Franklin County Line Upgrade Project proposal, that means improving the capacity of this transmission line to help deliver increased benefits such as enabling additional in-state renewable generation. To that end, we are in the preliminary stages of developing the solution that is the safest, most reliable, sustainable, and affordable.

For you this means VELCO personnel will need to conduct right-of-way and environmental assessments to better understand the viability of project design alternatives. These preliminary assessments will begin in April 2022, and will involve VELCO representatives walking the transmission corridor easement that may cross your property to identify and flag certain areas. *We will send a follow up letter in late April to share more information about the corridor visits.* Further, should the project be approved, our intention is to stay connected with you and our local communities as it moves forward.

A project website is available at www.velco.com/fclu, and while there is limited information right now as we further develop the project, we will continue to share the details on this website as we move forward. In the meantime, should you like to discuss any aspect of what I've shared in this letter, please just call me at 802-770-6357 or email me at abrown@velco.com.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Allyson Brown', is written in a cursive style.

Allyson Brown

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