

VIA ePUC
December 20, 2024

Ms. Holly Anderson, Clerk
VERMONT PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
112 State Street
Montpelier, VT 05620-2701

Re: Petition of Vermont Transco LLC and Vermont Electric Power Company, Inc. for a certificate of public good, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 248, for the replacement and removal of structures on the VELCO K24-5 Line in Waterbury, Vermont

Dear Holly:

Today on behalf of Vermont Transco LLC and Vermont Electric Power Company, Inc. (“VELCO”), we submitted a Petition requesting a Certificate of Public Good (“CPG”), pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 248, for the replacement and removal of structures on the VELCO K24-5 Line in Waterbury, Vermont. In Case No. 24-2234-PET, the Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) issued an Order on July 24, 2024 granting VELCO a waiver pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 248(k) for emergency work needed on the K24-5 Line. The July 24 Order states that, “[o]n or before February 3, 2025, VELCO must file a petition for a CPG under 30 V.S.A. § 248 to install a permanent replacement of Structure LCP-020 with a steel pole and the removal of Structure LCP-021.” This Petition has been submitted to satisfy the filing requirement in the July 24 Order.

We understand that the Commission Rule 5.406 Initial Review of Petition process may take a little longer than is typical given upcoming holidays. However, once the proceeding gets underway, to allow for installation of the permanent replacement structure LCP-020 during 2025, VELCO respectfully requests that the Commission establish a case schedule to review this Petition filing as expeditiously as possible. As detailed in the Petition and Prefiled Testimony of Witness Ryan Johnson, if the construction work for this Project cannot be completed by the end of October 2025, construction would need to be pushed into the Spring of 2026, which is after the local winter load requirements reduce. In order for VELCO to start work on this Project in the August through October 2025 timeframe, VELCO seeks approval of this Project from the Commission by April 2025 to allow time for order and delivery of the new structure. VELCO understands this proposed timeframe would condense the review process before the Commission, and it appreciates the Commission’s consideration of this request.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

SHEEHEY FURLONG & BEHM P.C.

/s/ Debra L. Bouffard

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Cc: Service List per Certificate of Service