

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Docket No. 4905

Petition of Vermont Electric)
Power Company, Inc., for a)
Certificate of Public Good,)
pursuant to 30 V.S.A. §248,)
for Authority to Construct a)
Back-to-Back Direct-Current)
Converter Terminal in)
Highgate, Vermont, and an)
Associated Transmission)
Facility in Franklin and)
Highgate, Vermont)

AND

General Order No. 45 Notice)
with respect to the)
following: Contract to)
Construct a Back-to-Back)
High-Voltage Direct-Current)
Converter Terminal; Highgate)
Transmission Interconnection)
Preliminary Support)
Agreement; Agreement for)
Joint Ownership,)
Construction and Operation)
of the Highgate Transmission)
Interconnection; Highgate)
Transmission Agreement;)
Highgate Construction)
Agreement; Highgate)
Operating and Management)
Agreement; Allocation)
Contract for Hydro-Quebec)
Firm Power; Power Purchase)
Agreement for Hydro-Quebec)
Firm Power; Transmission)
Service Agreement for)
Project Number Three; Firm)
Power Contract)

Issued: 8/10/84

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC GOOD UNDER 30 V.S.A. §248

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the Public Service Board
of the State of Vermont this day found and adjudged that the
proposed construction by Vermont Electric Power Company Inc.,

(on behalf of a consortium of Vermont utilities) of a 200 megawatt back-to-back converter-terminal located in Highgate, Vermont, and a 345 KV-specification transmission facility to be operated at 120 KV in the corridor filed with the Board as VELCO Exhibit 12, will promote the general good of the State, subject to the following conditions:

1. VELCO may immediately commence construction of the terminal on the approved site in Highgate in accordance with the plans on file with and approved by the Board, provided that before completion and commencement of its operation the Board shall receive, review and approve a landscaping plan.

2. Clearing and construction of the project transmission line may begin when the Board has received and approved the detailed construction plans, including a mile-by-mile plan and profile depicting the tangent and angle structure locations, the right-of-way boundaries, the location of important geographic, political and natural characteristics, the location of special-clearing areas, if any, and the location of temporary and permanent access roads, if any.

3. VELCO shall consult with the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Public Service, and the Agency of Environmental Conservation before filing with the Board the plans required by Condition No. 2 of this Certificate.

4. Representatives of the Department of Public Service, the Agency of Environmental Conservation and the Department of Agriculture shall be entitled to have access to and to inspect the right-of-way and terminal site at all times.

5. In all site preparation and construction, VELCO shall follow the guidelines set out in "Guidelines for Controlling Soil Erosion and Water Pollution on Logging Jobs in Vermont."

6. VELCO shall take reasonable measures to correct radio, television or telephone interference caused by the terminal or the 120 KV transmission facility.

7. VELCO may transfer this Certificate of Public Good to a consortium of joint owners without prior Board approval, provided that the utilities to whom the Certificate is transferred shall all be operating Vermont utilities subject to the Board's jurisdiction. All of the terms and conditions will apply to any transferee.

8. Construction shall commence in time for the project to be completed by March 31, 1986. If commencement of construction is delayed so that the project cannot be completed by that date, VELCO shall petition this Board for an extension to complete construction.

9. VELCO shall promptly report to the Board any substantial changes, known or reasonably anticipated, in the costs of construction, the costs of financing, the date for

completion of construction and the date of commencement of operation.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 10th day of August, 1984.

s/ V. Louise McCarren)

s/ Rosalyn L. Hunneman)

s/ William E. Markcrow)

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OFFICE OF THE CLERK

FILED: August 10, 1984

ATTEST: s/ Susan M. Hudson
Clerk of the Board