

October 21, 2011

Susan M. Hudson, Clerk
Vermont Public Service Board
112 State Street - Drawer 20
Montpelier, VT 05620-2701

Re: Docket No. 7770 – Response to Motions to Intervene and Petition to Appoint
Independent Counsel

Dear Mrs. Hudson:

Enclosed for filing with the Public Service Board are an original and six copies of a Memorandum on behalf of the Department of Public Service responding to the Motion to Intervene and Petition to Appoint Independent Counsel. In addition, this is to advise the Public Service Board that the Department has no objection to the motions to intervene filed by fifteen other entities¹ in this matter. The DPS believes that the motions filed by Vermont distribution utilities as well as by VELCO and Vermont Transco LLC should be granted as of right, and that the other motions satisfy the criteria for permissive intervention.

This letter and the enclosure are being provided to the service list and PSB by electronic mail and regular mail. Please let me know if any additional information would be helpful.

Sincerely,

John Beling
Director of Public Advocacy

Enclosure

cc: Attached Service List

¹ These are: the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), Assoc. Indust. of Vt. (AIV), Ampersand Gilman Companies, Burlington Electric Department (BED), The International Brotherhood of Electric Workers (IBEW), International Business Machines (IBM), Omya, Stowe Electric (SED), Renewable Energy Vermont (REV), the City of Rutland, Vermont Electric Cooperative (VEC), VELCO/Vermont Transco (VELCO), Vermont Public Interest Research Group (VPIRG), Vermont Public Power Supply Authority (VPPSA), Vermont Ski Areas Assoc.(VSAA) and Washington Electric Cooperative (WEC).