

**STATE OF VERMONT  
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD**

Joint Petition of Central Vermont	)	
Public Service Corporation, Danaus	)	
Vermont Corp., Northern New	)	
England Energy Corporation, for	)	
itself and as agent for Gaz Metro	)	Docket No. 7770
Limited Partnership and its parents,	)	
Green Mountain Power Corporation	)	
and Vermont Low Income Trust for	)	
Electricity, Inc. for approval of:	)	
(1)the merger of Danaus into and with	)	
Central Vermont, (2) the acquisition	)	
by Northern New England of the	)	
common stock of Central Vermont,	)	
(3)the amendment of Central	)	
Vermont's Articles of Association,	)	
(4)the merger of Central Vermont	)	
into and with Green Mountain, and	)	
(5)the acquisition by VLITE of a	)	
controlling interest in Vermont	)	
Electric Power Company, Inc.	)	

**PREFILED TESTIMONY OF  
JEFFREY C. WIMETTE  
On behalf of  
INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS, LOCAL  
UNION 300**

**Summary of Testimony**

Mr. Wimette discusses the impact that the merger will have on IBEW members, and on jobs in the State of Vermont.

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1 1. Q: What is your name and business affiliation?

2 A: My name is Jeffrey C. Wimette. I am the business manager and  
3 financial secretary of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers,  
4 Local Union 300 (“IBEW”).

5 2. Q: What is the IBEW?

6 A: The IBEW is one of Vermont’s largest and most diverse unions,  
7 providing exclusive representation to over 1,100 Vermonters in a variety of  
8 trades, including utilities, telecommunications, construction, municipal,  
9 professional and manufacturing.

10 3. Q: What is your educational background and business experience?

11 A: I have a degree in engineering from Vermont Technical College as well  
12 as a degree in applied science from New England Culinary Institute.

1 I am responsible for the operations and financial security of the IBEW and  
2 have performed those duties for the past four (4) years. Prior to my  
3 appointment as business manager, I was the assistant business manager for  
4 the IBEW for approximately three (3) years.

5 4. Q: Have you testified before the Public Service Board in the past?

6 A: No.

7 5. Q: What is the purpose of your testimony?

8 A: I will describe the impact of the merger on IBEW members and on jobs  
9 in the State of Vermont.

10 6. Q: How many IBEW members work at Central Vermont Public Service  
11 Corporation "CVPS"?

12 A: CVPS employs 206 IBEW members.

13 7. Q: How many IBEW members work at Green Mountain Power  
14 Corporation ("GMP")?

15 A: GMP employs 107 IBEW members.

16 8. Q: Are the terms of employment for these two groups of employees the  
17 same?

18 A: No. With respect to IBEW members employed with CVPS, a collective  
19 bargaining agreement, effective through 12/31/13, governs the terms of

1 employment. A different and separate agreement, effective through 12/31/12,  
2 governs the employment of GMP members.

3 9. Q: What type of work do these IBEW members perform for GMP and  
4 CVPS?

5 A: These members fall into a variety of work categories, including  
6 electrical maintenance, power production, vehicle maintenance, transmission  
7 and distribution departments, and construction.

8 10.Q: How will this merger impact IBEW members?

9 A: In a variety of ways. First, CVPS and GMP members are currently  
10 governed by two separate agreements of different durations, and which  
11 provide different compensation rates, benefits, grievance procedures, and  
12 working conditions. Each agreement is tailored uniquely to the member  
13 needs and organizational needs of the respective utility. At some point, the  
14 differences between these two agreements will need to be addressed, as well  
15 as their possible consolidation into one agreement. Second, the Joint Petition  
16 suggests that cost sharing and reductions will not result in lay-offs. It points  
17 to projected savings achieved through natural attrition and retirements. *See*  
18 *Joint Petition, Prefiled Testimony of Mary G. Powell & Lawrence J. Reilly, p.*  
19 *13.* While this petition is focused on, and viewed as a cost savings to

1 Vermont rate payers, there is no question that this merger will result in  
2 fewer jobs in the State of Vermont. IBEW members will be impacted, as  
3 will other workers in this state, as a result. The Board should consider this  
4 in its assessment of the public good.

5 11.Q: Does this conclude your testimony?

6 A: Yes.