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Via ePUC

Ms. Holly Anderson, Clerk
Vermont Public Utility Commission
112 State Street
Montpelier, VT 05763

Re: Case 24-3351-INV, Investigation into the potential need for transmission system improvements identified in the 2024 Vermont Long-Range Transmission Plan

Dear Ms. Anderson,

Vermont Electric Power Company (VELCO) submits these comments in response to the Commission's July 6, 2026 Order Requesting Comments on Staff Recommendations.

VELCO supports the Hearing Officer's recommendations that the Commission make no changes to the non-transmission alternative (NTA) analysis process established in Docket 7081 or to the planning process for the 2027 Vermont Long-Range Transmission Plan.

The VSPC Geographic Targeting Subcommittee met on June 30, 2026, to review lessons learned from the recently completed NTA analysis and to consider improvements for future planning cycles. VELCO does not anticipate that these refinements will require Commission approval. If a proposed modification ultimately will require Commission approval, VELCO agrees that it should be addressed through a separate petition.

VELCO supports the Staff's recommendation that no further action be taken in this proceeding. We appreciate the Commission's thoughtful leadership and engagement throughout this review.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Shana Louiselle".

Shana Louiselle
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