



November 4, 2019

Name
c/o
Street
Town

**RE: Lowell Substation, B20 and B22 Line Upgrades
Certificate of Public Good – Section 248 Permit Process**

Dear Landowner:

Hi! I'm writing to let you know that Green Mountain Power ("GMP") has filed a Petition with the Vermont Public Utility Commission (the "Commission") asking for a Certificate of Public Good for the Project described in this letter that involves upgrading facilities on land adjoining yours. Specifically, GMP is asking to rebuild the Lowell Substation and upgrade 18.1 miles of what we call our B20 transmission line. The Village of Morrisville Water and Light Department ("MWL") and the Village of Johnson Water and Light Department ("JWL") are joining GMP in also asking the Commission for approval to rebuild 1.5 miles of the B22 line, which they own. GMP is providing this notice of the proposed Project to all landowners whose property adjoins the Project, as required by Commission Rule 5.402(B).

The construction work for the proposed Project will take place in the Towns of Lowell, Eden, Johnson, and Morristown, Vermont, with a construction laydown yard in Hyde Park. The Project will improve safety, reliability and efficiency, while also improving the capacity of the transmission system to enable increased benefits that Vermont electric customers receive from renewable generation already located in northern Vermont.

We want to let you know that the Project consists of three components. Upgrades are planned for two 34.5kV transmission lines (the B20 and B22 lines), including the replacement of conductor and poles. First, GMP proposes line and pole replacement of approximately 18.1 miles of its B20 line between GMP Lowell and GMP Johnson Substations. For safety and reliability the pole heights will change in order to increase the height of the transmission line above the ground. On average, the increase will be 12.5 feet, but individual structure heights will vary from this average based on clearance requirements for underlying terrain and infrastructure.

Second, GMP, MWL and JWL propose line and pole replacement of approximately 1.5 miles of the B22 line between GMP Johnson Substation and MWL's Substation #3. Just as described above for the B20 line, for safety and reliability the pole heights will change in order to increase the height of the transmission line above the ground. On average, the increase will be 9 feet, but individual structure heights will vary from this average based on clearance requirements for underlying terrain and infrastructure.

Third, GMP proposes to rebuild GMP's Lowell Substation, which is located at 2337 VT Route 100 in the Town of Lowell. GMP is rebuilding the larger, upgraded substation with new equipment on an adjacent lot so that the existing substation can continue to deliver uninterrupted service during construction. The new substation will include installation of a new 56 MVA, 46/34.5 kV autotransformer, 38kV breaker, 72 kV breaker, control building, security system, fence, and substation yard lighting, along with the necessary standard equipment to replace the existing Lowell Substation. Since the new Substation is in the same general location of the existing substation and therefore will continue to be well screened by the existing vegetation for much of the surrounding area, no additional landscaping has been proposed. The existing Substation will be deconstructed and removed after the commissioning of the new Substation.

The Petition filing submitted to the Commission on November 4, 2019, includes the Petition, prefiled testimony, exhibits, and related documents (the "Filing"), and provides, among other things, a description of the Project, site plans, and an analysis of the Project's impact on aesthetics and the natural environment. The Commission will now review the Filing to determine if the packet of materials is complete. Once the Commission finds the Filing is complete, hard copies of the Filing will be provided to the municipal officials and regional planning commissions identified on Attachment A to this letter. We will send you another letter to notify you when that has happened.

We have already loaded the filing on GMP's website at <https://greenmountainpower.com/regulatory/filings/> so that you can easily access it. You can also review the Filing in hard copy by contacting the towns and planning commissions on Attachment A if you'd like to do so, or contact the Vermont Public Utility Commission to view the Filing there. Information about how to reach the offices where the Filing can be reviewed, including the Commission's office, is provided in Attachment A to this letter. Copies of the Filing will also be available for inspection during normal business hours at GMP's offices located at 2152 Post Road, Rutland, Vermont, 05701.

For additional information regarding the process before the Commission, including the ability to participate in the proceeding, please refer to the public guidance to the Vermont Public Utility Commission's Section 248 Process, which can be found at the Commission's website, <https://puc.vermont.gov/document/section-248-procedures>. Please also note that the Commission provides further information on participating in cases before the Commission at <http://puc.vermont.gov/public-participation/introduction-participating-commission-processes/procedures-different-types>.

If you have questions regarding the Project, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

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