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Ms. Susan M. Hudson, Clerk
Vermont Public Service Board
Chittenden Bank Building, Fourth Floor
112 State Street, Drawer 20
Montpelier, Vermont 05620

Re: Docket No. 7081 – Enlargement of Time to Complete Required Transmission Analysis for the North Rutland/Cold River Project

Dear Ms. Hudson:

Please accept this letter as Central Vermont Public Service Corporation's ("Central Vermont," "CVPS" or the "Company") informational filing regarding the time necessary to complete the required analysis and solution selection activities for the North Rutland/Cold River Project. To the extent that Public Service Board (the "Board") approval for the schedule enlargement is required, this letter will serve as Central Vermont's request for such approval.

By letter of June 19, 2008, the Vermont System Planning Committee (the "VSPC") filed with the Board a Project Priority List as required pursuant to Paragraph 51 of the Memorandum of Understanding (the "MOU") approved with conditions by Order of June 20, 2007 in Docket No. 7081. The Project Priority List contained modifications to dates for the completion of analyses and selection of solutions for certain identified reliability deficiencies that were initially described in Attachment F of the MOU. By Order of July 10, 2008, the Board approved the schedule modifications filed by the VSPC.

The Priority List explains that the North Rutland/Cold River Project addresses the following deficiency:

Loss of either the North Rutland or Cold River 115/46 kV transformer would overload the other unit with unacceptable low voltages locally.

See Project Priority List at 8. The VSPC explained that this deficiency was "given a priority of 6 because it could occur at load levels as low as 930 MW, and because of the amount of load affected." *Id.* The submission further notes that this is primarily a subsystem concern and proposed that the transmission analysis would be completed by April 30, 2009. Because this project affects the subtransmission system of Central Vermont, CVPS is responsible for the performance of the required analysis.

Subsequent to the publication of the Project Priority List, Central Vermont commenced efforts to analyze transmission alternatives for the North Rutland/Cold River Project. When scoping this study, CVPS concluded that it would need to collaborate with the Vermont Electric Power Company ("VELCO") to complete the effort. By letter of April 29, 2009, CVPS informed the Board that it expected to need until December 31, 2009 to finish the effort. The Board approved this Schedule enlargement by Order of August 27, 2009.

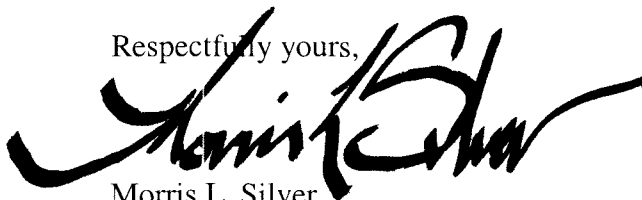
While Central Vermont has continued to make progress on the performance of the analysis required for the North Rutland/Cold River Project, and has endeavored to coordinate its effort with the VELCO, it will not be able to finalize its analysis by December 31, 2009 as contemplated. As a result, CVPS has determined that the following schedule will be required for the completion of necessary analysis and related Project activities:

<u>Study/Activity</u>	<u>Completion Date</u>
Transmission Analysis	June 30, 2010
Non-Transmission Analysis	December 31, 2010
Solution Selection	March 31, 2011

Pursuant to Paragraph 51 of the Docket No. 7081 MOU, subsequent to the filing of a Project Priority List, "the Affected Utility or Utilities may make another informational filing to the Board to extend a deadline contained therein, stating the new deadline and the reason for the extension." Id. This letter will serve as Central Vermont's filing pursuant to Paragraph 51. Copies of this letter are being served on the Department of Public Service and all participants in the VSPC.

Should you have questions concerning this submission, please do not hesitate to contact me. In the mean time I remain,

Respectfully yours,



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cc: Service List
Parties to the VSPC (via electronic service)