

**Public Notice for Draft Section 401 Water Quality Certification (#2016-001) and
Lake Encroachment Permit (#2016-007)**

Pursuant to the provisions Section 401 of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C §1341 and Vermont Statutes Annotated (V.S.A.) Title 29, Chapter 11 Management of Lakes and Ponds (29 V.S.A. 11, Lake Encroachment), applications for a Section 401 Water Quality Certification and a Lake Encroachment Permit were received by the Department of Environmental Conservation (Department) filed by VHB, Inc. on behalf of the Vermont Transco, LLC (Applicant), for the Vermont Transco, LLC (VELCO) PV-20 Submarine Cable Replacement (Project). The Applicant proposes to replace a segment of the existing 115 kV K20 circuit that extends west-to-east between the New York Power Authority Cumberland Head terminal station in Plattsburgh, New York and VELCO's Grand Isle terminal station in Grand Isle, Vermont – a distance of 1.8 miles.

The Department is seeking public comments on this tentative determination, during a 30-day public notice period. Comments must be received before the close of business (4:30 pm) on **June 29, 2016**. Submit written comments to the email or address above. Ensure the permit numbers appear on the first page or subject line of any correspondence. All timely comments will be considered in the formulation of a final decision. During this notice period, a person may request a public informational meeting regarding this draft decision. Any meeting request must state the person's interest and the reasons why a meeting is warranted. Such a meeting will be held if there is sufficient interest. Pursuant to 10 V.S.A. Chapter 220, any appeal of this decision any appeal of this decision must be filed with the Vermont Public Service Board pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 8506 within 30 days of the date of this decision For further information, see the Rules and General Orders of the Public Service Board, available on line at www.psb.vermont.gov. The address for the Public Service Board is 112 State Street, Montpelier, Vermont, 05620-2701 (Telephone: # 802-828-2358).

Copies of the Draft **Section 401 Water Quality Certification** can be obtained at:
<http://dec.vermont.gov/watershed/permits/public-notices/401>

Copies of the **Lake Encroachment Permit** application can be obtained at:
<http://dec.vermont.gov/watershed/permits/public-notices/lakes-and-ponds>

To submit comments, or to request a copy of the application and draft decision contact:

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