

**Vermont Agency of Natural Resources
Department of Environmental Conservation**

**NOTICE OF COMPLETED APPLICATION
CLAY HILL ROAD LINE 66 TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT**

Green Mountain Power Corporation (GMP) initiated the process to obtain a new license from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to continue to operate the existing Clay Hill Road Line 66 Transmission Line Project located in the town of Hartland.

As part of this process, the Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) is reviewing an application for a Clean Water Act §401 Water Quality Certification, required pursuant to the provisions of Section 401 of the federal Clean Water Act, 33 USC §1341.

The applicant proposes to continue operate the transmission line and to implement conservation measures to protect water quality and the northern long eared bat during vegetation management and other maintenance activities at the Project.

The applicant must demonstrate that the project will be in compliance with the Vermont Water Quality Standards by not having an undue adverse impact on the aquatic environment, or the designated and existing uses of the waters of the State. ANR's tentative determination is to grant the certification with conditions to mitigate impacts on water quality.

The Department is seeking public comments on this tentative determination, during a 30-day public notice period. All timely comments will be considered in formulation of the final decision. During this notice period, a person may request a public informational meeting regarding the 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. Written comments will be accepted at the address below, or via e-mail to Jeff.Crocker@vermont.gov, until **4:30 PM on October 5, 2020**.

Copies of the draft certification and Water Quality Standards are available by mail or on the Agency website: <https://dec.vermont.gov/watershed/permits/public-notices/401>

For information on the application, access to related documents, or copies of the Water Quality Standards, interested persons should contact:

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