

**STATE OF VERMONT  
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD**

Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_

Petition of Green Mountain Power Corporation )  
for a Certificate of Public Good pursuant to 30 )  
V.S.A. § 248 authorizing the removal of an )  
existing substation and the construction of a )  
new substation in the Town of Rockingham )  
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**PETITION FOR CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC GOOD  
PURSUANT TO 30 V.S.A. § 248**

By this Petition, Green Mountain Power Corporation (“Green Mountain Power” or the “Petitioner”) represents as follows:

1. The Petitioner is a company as defined by 30 V.S.A. § 201, and as such is subject to the jurisdiction of the Vermont Public Service Board (the “Board”) pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 203.
2. Green Mountain Power’s offices are located at 163 Acorn Lane, Colchester, Vermont 05446.
3. Green Mountain Power provides electric power in the state of Vermont and owns transmission and distribution facilities in the Town of Rockingham and Village of Bellows Falls in Windham County, Vermont.
4. Green Mountain Power currently owns components of a substation (the “Bellows Falls # 67 Substation”) in the downtown area of Bellows Falls, located on Bridge Street across from the United States Post Office. New England Power Company, d/b/a National Grid also owns components of the Bellows Falls #67 Substation.
5. The Bellows Falls #67 Substation serves customers in the Towns of Rockingham, and Village of Bellows Falls. The Bellows Falls #67 Substation is located immediately adjacent to a well-traveled public way on a small and poorly situated

- lot. Performing maintenance and repairs on the Bellows Falls #67 Substation presents technical challenges as well as safety and reliability issues.
6. In order to continue to provide safe, reliable and stable electric service to its customers, Green Mountain Power seeks a Certificate of Public Good (“CPG”) under 30 V.S.A. § 248, authorizing it to construct a new substation (the “Proposed Substation”) with a transformer operating at 14 MVA, located on Bridge Street approximately one-quarter mile east of the Bellows Falls #67 Substation. The Petitioner and National Grid plan to dispose of all existing facilities at the Bellows Falls #67 Substation and Petitioner plans to reconfigure the adjacent distribution lines to be served by the Proposed Substation (the construction of the Proposed Substation and the decommissioning and removal of the existing Bellows Falls #67 Substation is referred to in this Petition as the “Project”).
  7. The Project meets the criteria established by 30 V.S.A. § 248, and hence warrants that the Board make the findings required for the issuance of a CPG.
  8. The Project will promote the general good of the State of Vermont by replacing a visible substation site that is difficult to service and maintain with a new facility that will be set further back from the public way, subject to more screening and easier to maintain.
  9. The Petitioner has served this Petition, together with its prefiled testimony and exhibits, on the parties specified in 30 V.S.A. § 248(a)(4)(C), pursuant to the requirements of 30 V.S.A. § 248 and has notified adjoining landowners of the Project as required by Board Rule 5.402(B)(3).
  10. The Town of Rockingham Planning Commission and the Windham County Regional Planning Commission have received notice 45 days in advance of the submission of this petition to the Board. The prefiling package is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.
  11. In support of this Petition, the Petitioners submit prefiled testimony and exhibits of the following witnesses:

Witnesses

Subject

Patrick J. Kearney

Explains Green Mountain Power's interest in the Project, describes the location of the Proposed Substation, the overall design and technical requirements of the Project and supports the issuance of a CPG for the Project.

Charles E. Wilson

Explains National Grid's interest in the Project, explains National Grid's plans for decommissioning National Grid components of the existing Bridge Street Substation, describes the reconfiguring of National Grid's 46 kV transmission taps and supports the issuance of a CPG for the Project.

John Benson

Provides testimony regarding the environmental and historical aspects of the Project.

John Steele

Provides testimony regarding aesthetic aspects of the Project

WHEREFORE, the Petitioner respectfully requests this Board to:

- a. Schedule a prehearing conference, public hearings, a technical hearing and make findings as required by 30 V.S.A. § 248.
- b. Find that the proposed Project will promote the general good of the State of Vermont and authorize the Petitioner to undertake the actions as described herein and in its testimony and exhibits.
- c. Issue a Certificate of Public Good to that effect.
- d. Take such other measures as may be required for the expeditious review of this petition.

DATED at Burlington, Vermont this 30<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2007.

GREEN MOUNTAIN POWER CORPORATION

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