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Green Mountain Power
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Vermont Public Service Board
112 State Street, Drawer 20
Montpelier VT 05620-2701

Re: Bellows Falls Substation Relocation

Dear GMP & Public Service Board:

The Rockingham Planning Commission has reviewed the Section 248 Permit Process - Pre-filing Package for the Bridge Street substation relocation which is proposed for Bellows Falls.

The Rockingham Planning Commission serves as the community-wide planning commission, including Bellows Falls.

The Commission supports the relocation to site #2 as described. The Commission recommends that lighting of this site be downcast lights to light the immediate structure, and to avoid the use of floodlights and excessive lighting of the site.

The Commission also recommends that the old substation site, across from the Post Office, be cleared of all concrete pads and fencing as part of this project. It was not clear from the text as to how long the concrete pads would be left in place. The text indicated that "The concrete pads and fence will be left in place for a time following removal of the electrical equipment and steel superstructure until the final disposition of the site. The concrete pads and fence will then finally be removed." What is meant by final disposition of the site? Clarifying who is responsible for the removal of the pads and fencing, and a time frame would be beneficial to the community.

We hope the above information and recommendations are considered as part of the review process of this project.

Very truly yours,

TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM PLANNING COMMISSION

Mary Shepard
Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mary Shepard", is written over the typed name and title.