

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Case No. 17-5219-INV

Public Forum on the Sheffield-Highgate Export Interface	
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NOTICE OF WORKSHOP

It has come to the Vermont Public Utility Commission's ("Commission") attention that transmission system constraints identified in northern Vermont are increasingly limiting the amount of generation that can operate simultaneously in the area.

As early as 2012, the electric transmission system in northern Vermont reached its capacity to integrate new generators without financial impact on existing generators. In 2013, ISO-New England ("ISO-NE")¹ demarcated the Sheffield-Highgate Export Interface ("SHEI") and established generator operation limits to ensure that the transmission system's capacity to function reliably remains intact. During certain operational periods, this limit is reached and generation resources in areas of northern Vermont are required to curtail their output due to the lack of transmission system capacity to export power.

Through the Vermont System Planning Committee, Vermont utilities and other stakeholders are currently discussing ways that the SHEI limitations can be addressed to reduce or eliminate curtailments of generation located within the interface.² The Commission believes it would be productive to gather current, relevant information on SHEI limitations, including any possible impacts on the state's renewable energy policy requirements and goals. The Commission will begin this process by conducting an informational workshop with interested stakeholders.

On Thursday, January 11, 2018, at 1:30 p.m., the Commission will convene a workshop to discuss SHEI limitations. The workshop will include a presentation by Vermont Electric Power Company ("VELCO"), Vermont's electric transmission utility. The workshop will be

¹ Authorized by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC"), ISO-NE serves as the independent system operator for the New England grid.

² More information on SHEI can be found at: <https://www.vermontspc.com/grid-planning/shei-info>.

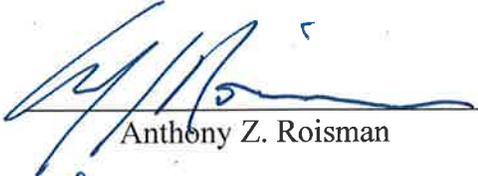
held in the Pavilion Building Auditorium, located in the basement at 109 State Street, Montpelier, Vermont. The workshop will be recorded by a court reporter.

The Commission will establish a service list for this proceeding. Anyone interested in participating shall contact the Clerk of the Commission.

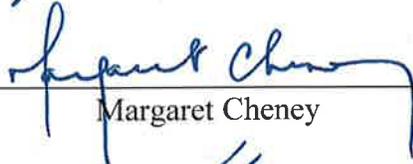
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SO ORDERED.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont this 22nd day of December, 2017


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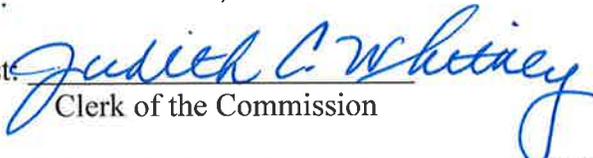
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