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## General Comment

I disagree with the plan to build an underground electric transmission line through Lake Champlain and its surrounding environment. Rather than running the transmission line through the aquatic environment, the project should more seriously consider alternative routes. Although the list of potential impacts to be investigated in the EIS seems to cover all facets, I'm concerned that some environmental impacts will not be weighed as significantly as they should be.

Lake Champlain and its surrounding terrain is a beautiful and attractive area for both non-human and human activity as it is both underdeveloped and abundant with recreational pastimes. The installment of a transmission line through the Lake will certainly create unwanted noise pollution and construction activity that will disrupt the beauty of the landscape. The installation also has the potential to disrupt significant ecosystems in both the lake and in the surrounding floodplain and nearby wetlands.

Aside from the serious effects that this project could have on the ecology of the area, underground transmission lines are more expensive and inconvenient to build, and require more expensive maintenance management.

Although I understand that underground transmission lines are often installed for aesthetic purposes, I believe that the potential impacts for the lake will be too great. An alternative route that avoids the lake and follows local roads and highways should be considered.