

U.S. Department of Energy
New England Clean Power Link Transmission Line Project
Draft Environmental Impact Statement
Notice of Availability and Public Hearing Announcement

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) NEPA regulations (40 CFR §§1500-1508), and the DOE NEPA implementing procedures (10 CFR §1021). The analysis considers the potential environmental impacts from the proposed Federal action of granting a Presidential permit to Champlain VT, LLC, doing business as TDI-New England (TDI-NE), to construct, operate, maintain, and connect a new electric transmission line across the U.S.-Canada border in northern Vermont. The project is known as New England Clean Power Link.

DOE invites public and agency input on the Draft EIS. The document is available online at <http://necplinkeis.com>. Copies of the Draft EIS can also be obtained from Mr. Brian Mills at the contact information given below, or are available for review at South Hero Free Library, the Fletcher Free Library in Burlington, the Winooski Public Library, the Middlebury Library, the Rutland Free Library, the West Rutland Library, the Shrewsbury Library, the Gilbert Hart Library in Wallingford, the Fair Haven Public Library, the Mount Holly Town Library in Belmont, and the Bailey Memorial Library in North Clarendon. DOE will conduct public hearings commencing at the times identified below to receive comments on the Draft EIS analysis at the following locations:

Wednesday,
July 15, 2015

Sheraton Burlington Hotel and Conference
Center

870 Williston Road

South Burlington, Vermont 05403

6 p.m.

Thursday,
July 16, 2015

Holiday Inn Rutland-Killington Area

476 Holiday Drive Rutland

Rutland, VT 05701

6 p.m.

Comments on the Draft EIS can be submitted verbally during public hearings or in writing to Mr. Brian Mills at: Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability (OE-20), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585; via e-mail to Brian.Mills@hq.doe.gov; by facsimile to (202) 586-8008; or through the project website at <http://necplinkeis.com>. Please mark envelopes and electronic mail subject lines as "NECPL Draft EIS Comments." Written comments must be received by August 11, 2015. Comments submitted after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.