

Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR INDIVIDUAL WETLAND PERMIT #2013-280 October 1, 2015

A request for An Individual Wetland Permit, required pursuant to the provisions of Section 9 of the Vermont Wetland Rules has been received from Champlain VT, LLC d/b/a TDI New England.

Champlain VT, LLC d/b/a TDI New England is requesting approval for the construction of a HVDC transmission line through Lake Champlain and across Rutland County into Ludlow and Cavendish. The proposed project is located in the towns of Benson, Castleton, Clarendon, Fair Haven, Ludlow, Mount Holly, Rutland, Shrewsbury, Wallingford, West Haven, and West Rutland. The proposed project will impact 126,353 square feet of Class II wetland and 480,133 square feet of buffer zone. This wetland has been designated as a significant (Class II) wetland under the Vermont Wetland Rules.

Copies of the application are available for review at the Vermont Wetlands Office in Montpelier, the Town Clerk's Offices in Benson, Castleton, Clarendon, Fair Haven, Ludlow, Mount Holly, Rutland, Shrewsbury, Wallingford, West Haven, and West Rutland, the Regional Planning Commission offices in Rutland and Ascutney, and the Agency of Natural Resources website: http://www.watershedmanagement.vt.gov/cfm/notices/Sectionlist.cfm, select 401 WQ Certification under section, the VT Wetland details will be under TDI Part 2.

Three (3) public meetings will be held to hear comments on the proposed determination:

Monday, November 2, 2015 at the Holiday Inn, Governors Mtg. Room located at 476 Holiday Drive, Rutland, VT 05701 starting at 5:30pm

Tuesday, November 3, 2015 at Double Tree of Burlington, Carriage Room, located at 1117 Williston Rd., South Burlington, Vermont 05403 starting at 5:30pm

Wednesday, November 4, 2015 at the St. Albans Town Fire Station, located at 428 Lake Rd., St. Albans, VT 05478 starting at 5:30pm

Individual Wetland Permits may only be approved if the Agency is satisfied that the applicant has demonstrated that the proposed use complies with the Vermont Wetland Rules and the proposed use will not have an undue adverse impact on the functions and values of any significant wetlands or their adjacent buffer zones. In making the determination that the applicant has met this burden, the Agency will evaluate the potential effects of the proposed use on the basis of (1) the use's direct and immediate effects on the wetland; and (2) the use's cumulative or on-going effects on the wetland.

Any person may file comments in writing on this application by referencing project number 2013-280 through **November 6, 2015** and sending them to:

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