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Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, N.E.
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Re: Silver Lake Hydroelectric Project, FERC Project No. 11478
Article 406 - Historic Properties Management Plan

Dear Secretary Bose:

The Silver Lake Hydroelectric Project (Project No. 11478) was issued an original FERC license on February 26, 2009. The Project is located on Sucker Brook in Addison County, Vermont and is owned and operated by Central Vermont Public Service Corporation (CVPS).

Article 406 of the new license requires that CVPS implement the "*Programmatic Agreement Among the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and the Vermont Historic Preservation Officer*" executed on December 2, 2003, and file for Commission approval a historic properties management plan (HPMP). Pursuant to the requirements of the *Programmatic Agreement*, this plan shall be submitted within one year of the issuance date of the license.

Attached for submittal is the HPMP for the Silver Lake Hydroelectric Project. Draft copies of the HPMP were submitted to the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation (VDHP) and United States Forest Service (USFS) for review on January 8, 2010. No comments were received from the VDHP during the 30-day comment period. The USFS provided comprehensive comments on February 4, 2010; these comments have been incorporated into the HPMP.

If you have any questions or comments please contact me at (802) 747-5594 or at beliaso@cvps.com.

Sincerely,

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HISTORIC PROPERTIES MANAGEMENT PLAN

SILVER LAKE HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT
(FERC Project No. 11478)

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

Central Vermont Public Service Corporation (CVPS) owns and operates the Silver Lake Hydroelectric Project (Project) under license No. 11478 from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). This Historic Properties Management Plan (HPMP) has been developed as a management tool to be implemented by CVPS for the identification, evaluation, protection and treatment of cultural resources associated with the Project Area of Potential Effects (APE) for the duration of the new 30-year license issued by the FERC on February 26, 2009.

1.1 Scope and Purpose of the HPMP

The primary objectives of this HPMP are to:

• provide responsible stewardship of the cultural resources in the Project APE for continuing Project operation, including related transmission operation

• comply with FERC requirements (18 CFR 4.51 and 16.8) for the identification, evaluation, and treatment of historic properties potentially affected by the Project

• comply with all applicable federal and state legal requirements pertaining to historic properties, including Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, 16 USC 470-470f (NHPA)

• ensure appropriate interagency coordination of activities that have the potential to affect historic properties in the Project APE

• establish procedures for properly protecting and managing historic properties in Project-related contexts, e.g., ongoing operations and maintenance, new activities, unexpected discoveries, and emergencies

This HPMP has been developed to provide procedures for CVPS to implement in the planning of Project-related activities that have the potential to affect historic properties, both those currently known to exist and those that may be unexpectedly encountered in the future, as well as procedures for performing ongoing operation and maintenance activities, and for responding to emergencies. Studies conducted during the license application process demonstrate that the Project APE contains historic properties that merit consideration and protection under Section 106 of the NHPA (Cox et al. 1996; Henry 1993; Petersen 1993, revised 1996). This HPMP briefly describes the resources identified in these studies and reviews their current status.

In addition, this HPMP provides CVPS with a brief summary about the regulatory context for the identification, evaluation, protection and management of cultural resources of the Project's APE. CVPS developed this HPMP following guidelines issued by FERC (FERC 2002) and following the Secretary of the Interior's *Standards and Guidelines for Archaeology and Historic Preservation* (48 FR 44716–44740). Most of the Project's APE is located on public lands administered by the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service Green Mountain National Forest (GMNF). As the FERC licensee, CVPS shall be