

PUBLIC NOTICE

of Engineers ®
New England District

8 Carmichael Street, Suite 205 Essex Junction, Vermont 05452 Date: September 11, 2007

Comment Period Ends: October 11, 2007

File Number: NAE-2004-3177

In Reply Refer To: Michael S. Adams

Or by e-mail: Michael.s.adams@usace.army.mil

The District Engineer has received a permit application from the applicant below to **conduct work in waters of the United States** as described below. The Corps is soliciting comments on both the project itself and the range of issues to be addressed in the environmental documentation.

APPLICANT

Vermont Electric Power Company, Inc., ATTN: Leslie Cadwell, VP General Counsel and Secretary, 366 Pinnacle Ridge Road, Rutland, Vermont 05701

ACTIVITY

Place fill material in waters of the United States in conjunction with the construction of 9.7 miles of new 115 kV transmission line from Duxbury to Stowe, Vermont; construction of a new substation in Stowe, Vermont; construction of a new switching station in Duxbury, Vermont. Place fill material in waters of the United States in conjunction with the relocation of 6.1 miles of the Green Mountain Power Company's 34.5 kV transmission line parallel to the proposed 115 kV transmission line from the Blush Hill switching center in Waterbury to the new Stowe Substation. The proposed work involves the following:

- a. Installation of the transmission line across the Winooski River in Duxbury. The line will be 46.3' above ordinary high water (OHW) under conditions of greatest sag.
- b. The right-of-way from Duxbury to Stowe is currently cleared to a width of approximately 60' 70' for the existing 34.5 kV transmission line. The construction of the new 115 kV and relocation of the 34.5 kV transmission lines will involve the clearing of the right-of-way to an average width of 100' wide. Approximately 1,390 sq. ft. (0.03 acre) of wetlands will be impacted by the pole installation and approximately 120 sq. ft. (0.003 acre) of stream bottom will be filled by the installation of two culverts for permanent roads. Approximately 347,940 sq. ft. (7.99 acres) of wetlands will be temporarily impacted by the placement of construction mats for access roads and construction pads around the poles for the construction of the transmission lines. Tree clearing within the right-of-way will occur in about 2.4 acres of wetlands. There will be no mechanized landclearing within the wetlands.
- c. The construction of a new Stowe Substation will involve the permanent placement of fill in approximately 22,434 sq. ft. (0.52 acre) of wetlands and the temporary placement of fill in approximately 4,720 sq. ft.(0.11 acre) of wetland.

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d. The construction of the new Duxbury switching center will involve the temporary placement of fill in approximately 470 sq. ft. (0.011 acre) of two unnamed streams.

As mitigation, the applicant proposes to preserve and enhance a total of approximately 20 acres of wetland and upland on the "Percy Farm", located off VT Route 100 in Stowe, Vermont. The mitigation will include the installation of a ditch plug to stabilize hydrology, the planting of approximately 1.3 acres of farmed wetland with species indigenous to the adjacent forest, and protected buffers around the edge of a beaver pond and Percy Bog.

The basic project purpose is to provide increased and reliable power in within the Lamoille County Study Area (LCSA).

The work is partially described on the enclosed plans, in twelve sheets, entitled "WETLAND IMPACT EXHIBIT" (dated "06-29-2007"), "WINOOSKI RIVER CROSSING" (dated "7/13/07"), "SUBSTATION GRADING WORKSHEET" (dated "06-29-07"), "CONSTRUCTION LIMITS PLAN 115 kV SWITCHING CENTER" (dated "06-29-07"), "SWAMP MAT DETAIL" (dated "03-23-07"), and "Percy Farm Mitigation Site Map" (dated "August 31, 2007"). The entire set of wetland impact plans can be viewed by contacting Tim Follensbee with VELCO at (802) 770-6423.

WATERWAY AND LOCATION OF THE PROPOSED WORK

The southern end of the project site is located on the Waterbury, VT USGS quadrangle sheet at UTM coordinates N 4912022.0 and E 677638.0. The northern end of the project site and the Stowe Substation is located on the Stowe, VT USGS quadrangle sheet at UTM coordinates N 4925396.0 and E 683050.0.

AUTHORITY

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<u>X</u>	Section	10 of the	Rivers	and	Harbor	s Act of 1899
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X Section 404 of the Clean Water Act
Section 103 of the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act).

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which may reasonably accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered, including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are: conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural value, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain value, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food production and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are

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also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

Where the activity involves the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States or the transportation of dredged material for the purpose of disposing it in ocean waters, the evaluation of the impact of the activity in the public interest will also include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, U.S Environmental Protection Agency, under authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act, and/or Section 103 of the Marine Protection Research and Sanctuaries Act of 1972 as amended.

In order to properly evaluate the proposal, we are seeking public comment. Anyone wishing to comment is encouraged to do so. Comments should be submitted in writing by the above date. If you have any questions, please contact Michael S. Adams at (802) 872-2893.

Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider the application. Requests for a public hearing shall specifically state the reasons for holding a public hearing. The Corps holds public hearings for the purpose of obtaining public comments when that is the best means for understanding a wide variety of concerns from a diverse segment of the public.

Based on his initial review, the District Engineer has determined that little likelihood exists for the proposed work to impinge upon properties with cultural or Native American significance, or listed in, or eligible for listing in, the National Register of Historic Places. Therefore, no further consideration of the requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, is necessary. This determination is based upon one or more of the following:

- a. The permit area has been extensively modified by previous work
- b. The permit area has been recently created.
- c. The proposed activity is of limited nature and scope.
- d. Review of the latest published version of the National Register shows that no presence of registered properties listed as being eligible for inclusion therein are in the permit area or general vicinity.
- e. Coordination with the State Historic Preservation Officer and/or Tribal Historic Preservation Officer(s)

Pursuant to the Endangered Species Act, the District Engineer is hereby requesting that the appropriate Federal Agency provide comments regarding the presence of and potential impacts to listed species or its critical habitat.

The initial determinations made herein will be reviewed in light of facts submitted in response to this notice. All comments will be considered a matter of public record. Copies of letters of objection will be forwarded to the applicant who will normally be requested to contact objectors directly in an effort to reach an understanding.

The following authorizations have been applied for, or have been, or will be obtained:

- (X) Permit, License or Assent from State.
- () Permit from Local Wetland Agency or Conservation Commission.
- (X) Water Quality Certification in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act.

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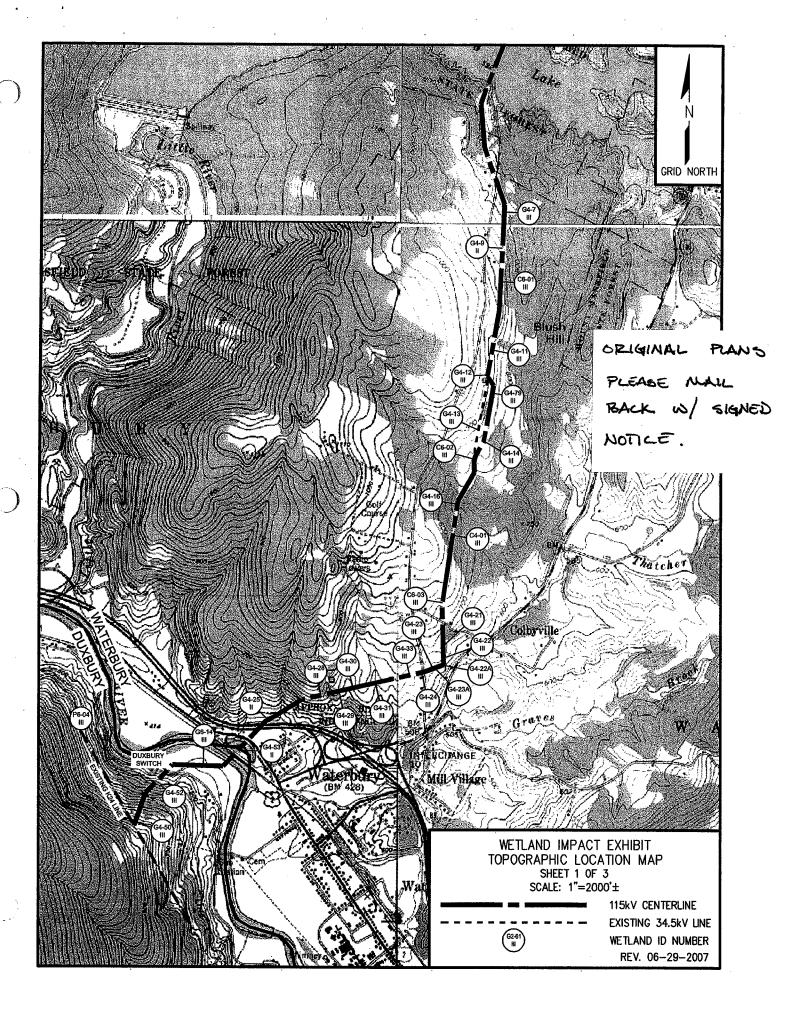
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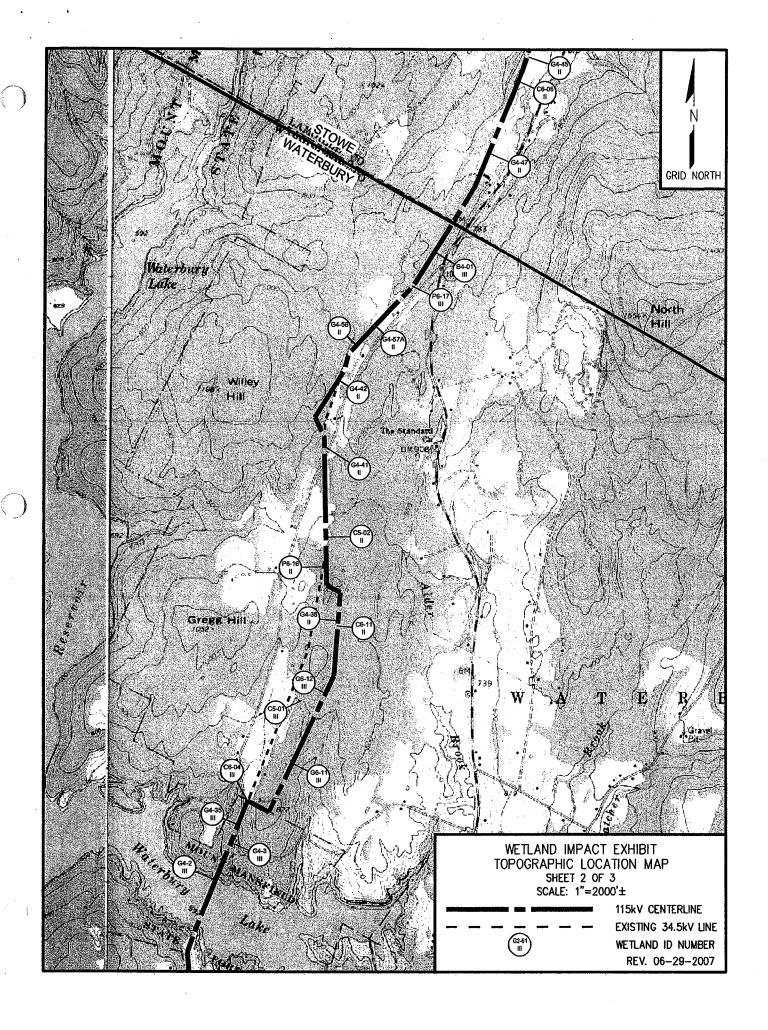
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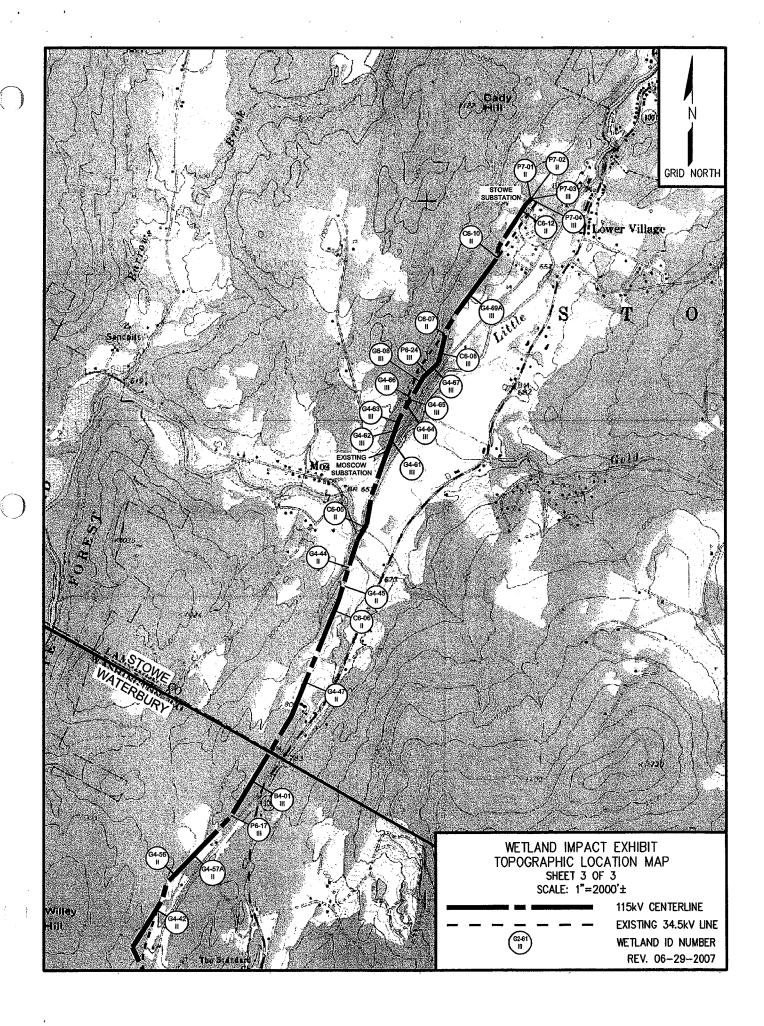
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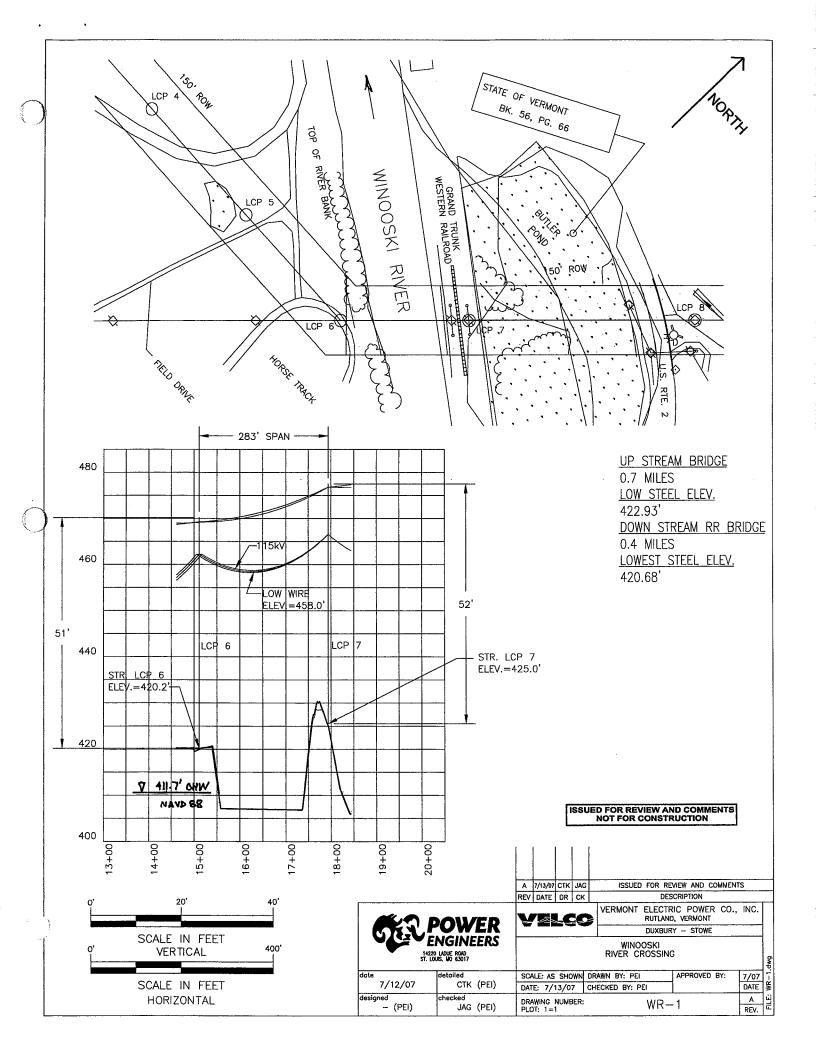


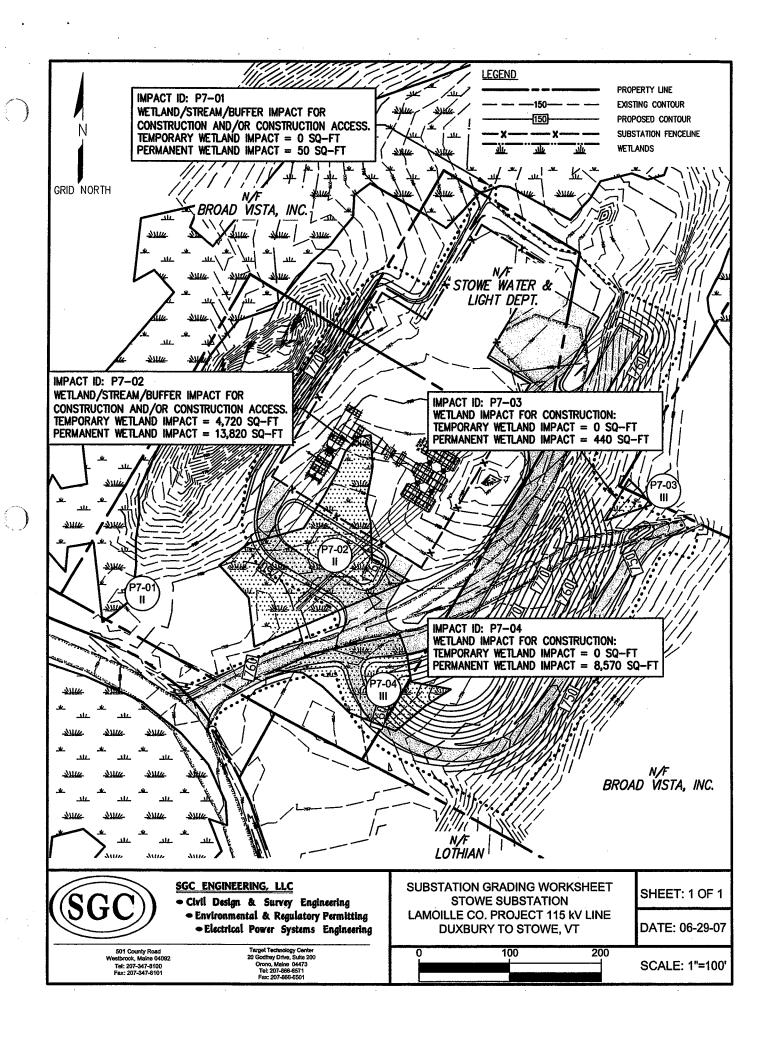
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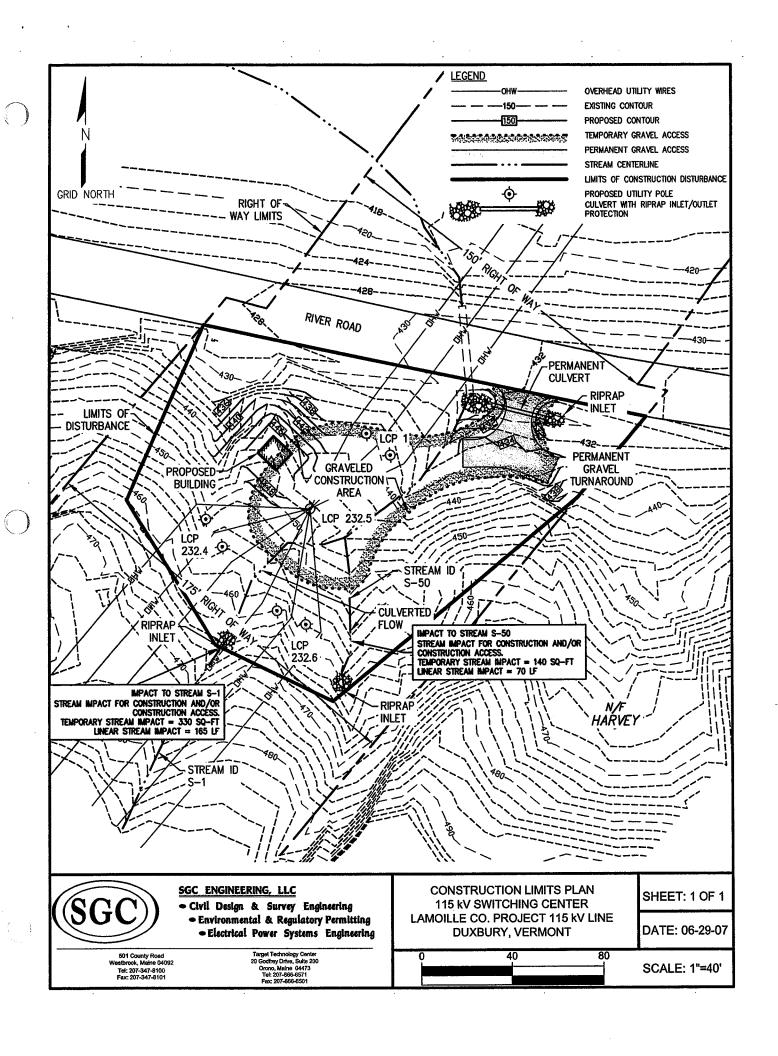
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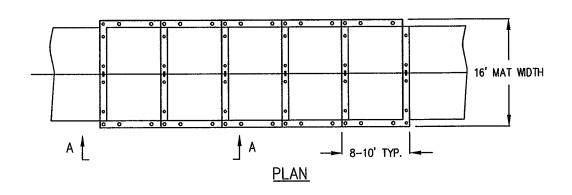
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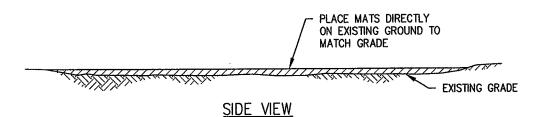
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G4-56	W-36	86, EX 90	1 1	Pitman; Blauvett	z	1,230	150		,	Permanent Fill for Permanent Construction Pad and Grading
G4-57A	W-36	87		Blauvelt; Frank & Blauvelt		12,220	20	•		Contract of the Assess Publishers
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	W-42	Ц	Stowe	Salvas		•	٠	-	-	Span stream with temp, bridge
	W-42		Stowe	McMahon; Salvas; Nichols	z	9,800	30	-	-	
\$30	W-42	108	Stowe	Saivas		-			•	Span stream with temp. bridge
S-46	W-42	109	Stowe	Nichols; Salvas		-				Span stream with mats and temp. bridge
64-61	W-43	114, EX 120	Stowe	Loysen	Z	1,250		•	-	
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P7-01	W-52	Substation	Stowe	Broad Vista, Inc.; Stowe Water &	z		20	1	,	
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20-1-1				Light Dept.						
P7-03	W-52	Substation	Stowe	Diosa Vista, Ille., Stowe Water & Light Dept.	z	,	440			
P7-04	75-W	Substation	Stowe	Broad Vista, Inc.; Stowe Water &	z		8,570	•	•	
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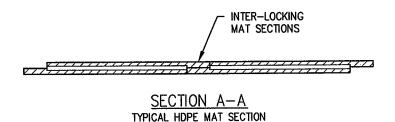












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- TO BE INSTALLED AS NECESSARY TO PREVENT RUTTING DURING CONSTRUCTION ACCESS.
- 2. THIS DETAIL SHOWS TYPICAL MAT DIMENSIONS. MAT MATERIAL TYPICALLY INCLUDES HDPE, TIMBER, OR LAMINATED WOOD. MAT DIMENSIONS MAY BE SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT FROM WHAT IS SHOWN, BUT NO WIDER THAN 16 FEET.
- 3. MATS WILL BE USED AS TEMPORARY FILL WHERE NEEDED FOR ACCESS AND WORK SPACE AND LABELED AS "TEMPORARY WETLAND IMPACTS" ON WETLAND IMPACT EXHIBIT DRAWINGS; EXCEPT WHERE IN AREAS ACCESS IS SPECIFICALLY SHOWN AS TEMPORARY GRAVEL AND FILTER FABRIC. MATS MAY BE SUBSTITUTED FOR GRAVEL AND FABRIC BUT GRAVEL AND FABRIC SHALL NOT BE SUBSTITUTED FOR MATS.

JOB NO.: 532001

SWAMP MAT DETAIL LAMOILLE CO. 115kV PROJECT DUXBURY TO STOWE, VERMONT PREPARED FOR: VERMONT TRANSCO, LLC 366 PINNACLE RIDGE ROAD RUTLAND, VERMONT 05701 (SGC)

SGC ENGINEERING, LLC

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 Electrical Power Systems Engineering

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