

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Before Commissioners: Pat Wood, III, Chairman;
Nora Mead Brownell, Joseph T. Kelliher,
and Suedeem G. Kelly.

Connecticut Valley Electric Company Docket Nos. ER95-679-000
ER95 -679-003

Central Vermont Public Service Corporation Docket Nos. ER95-680-000
ER95-680-002

ORDER APPROVING SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS

(Issued March 14, 2005)

1. On April 30, 1996, Central Vermont Public Service Corporation (Central Vermont) filed a settlement agreement between itself and the Green Mountain Power Corporation (Green Mountain), the Vermont Villages,¹ New Hampshire Electric Cooperative (New Hampshire Electric), and the Vermont Department of Public Service (Vermont Department) in Docket Nos. ER95-679-003 and ER95-680-002.
2. On May 20, 1996, Citizens Utilities Company (Citizens) and Commission Trial Staff filed comments regarding the settlement agreement. On May 30, 1996, Central Vermont, the Vermont Department, and Commission Trial Staff each filed reply comments in support of the settlement agreement. On June 5, 1996, the Presiding Administrative Law Judge certified the settlement agreement to the Commission as contested.
3. On September 5, 1996, Central Vermont filed a settlement agreement between itself and Green Mountain, the Vermont Villages, New Hampshire Electric, and the Vermont Department in Docket Nos. ER95-679-000 and ER95-680-000. Central Vermont states that this settlement agreement resolves all the remaining disputes in these

¹ Vermont Villages are composed of Hardwick Electric Department, Morrisville Water and Light Department, and the Villages of Hyde Park, Ludlow, Lyndonville, and Stowe, Vermont.

proceedings. On September 24, 1996, Commission Trial Staff filed comments in support of the settlement agreement, stating that the settlement resolves all the remaining issues that were not resolved by the April 30, 1996 settlement agreement. No other comments were received. On October 8, 1996, the Presiding Administrative Law Judge certified the settlement agreement to the Commission as uncontested.

4. These settlements are in the public interest and are hereby approved. The Commission's approval of these settlements does not constitute approval of, or precedent regarding, any principle or issue in these proceedings. The Commission retains the right to investigate rates, terms, and conditions under the just and reasonable and not unduly discriminatory or preferential standard of section 206 of the Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. § 824e (2000).

5. This order terminates Docket Nos. ER95-679-000, ER95-679-003, ER95-680-000, and ER95-680-002.

By the Commission.

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Linda Mitry,
Deputy Secretary.