



**STATE OF VERMONT**  
SENATE

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To Whom It May Concern:

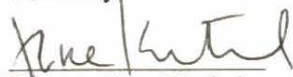
We, the undersigned members of the Vermont Senate, write today to express our initial support for the proposed Granite State Power Link project (GSPL). The GSPL would provide significant economic benefit to Vermont's Northeast Kingdom and the State as well as overall environmental benefit to New England.


The GSPL will deliver up to 1,200 MW of clean, reliable, and affordable power to New England, and will provide substantial benefits to Vermont's towns, residents, and businesses. These include lower electricity costs estimated to be \$487 million for Vermont alone over the first 10 years of operation; local property tax revenue for the nine host communities of over \$65 million; the creation of over 600 jobs in Vermont during peak construction; substantial assistance to low-income families along the project route from the GSPL co-owner, Citizens Energy; and other economic and environmental benefits that will be provided to the Northeast Kingdom region and the State directly by National Grid. The Northeast Kingdom is the most economically challenged region in the Green Mountain State and the economic benefits delivered by this project will have a significantly positive impact.

As important, these benefits will be achieved with minimal negative impacts on the nine host communities in the Northeast Kingdom. All approximately 53 miles of the line in Vermont will be built adjacent to the existing VELCO transmission corridor, helping to minimize construction and environmental impacts for both the land and project abutters.

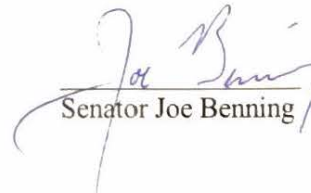
We understand that the project is in the early stages of its regulatory and permitting review. We look forward to working with GSPL to more fully develop and define the significant economic benefits from the project to our Northeast Kingdom towns and the State of Vermont and fully support the project's continuing evaluation for ultimate approval and construction.

Sincerely,

  
Senator Jane Kitchel

  
Senator John Rodgers

  
Senator Bobby Starr

  
Senator Joe Benning