

NO. R-56. HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LEADERSHIP OF CENTRAL VERMONT PUBLIC SERVICE AND THE SUPPORT OF OTHER ELECTRIC COMPANIES AND STATE OFFICES IN RESTORING ELECTRIC POWER IN SOUTHERN VERMONT FOLLOWING THE DECEMBER 2008 ICE STORM.

(H.C.R.32)

Offered by: Representatives Hube of Londonderry, Acinapura of Brandon, Adams of Hartland, Ainsworth of Royalton, Baker of West Rutland, Browning of Arlington, Canfield of Fair Haven, Cheney of Norwich, Clarkson of Woodstock, Clerkin of Hartford, Deen of Westminster, Devereux of Mount Holly, Fagan of Rutland City, Flory of Pittsford, Helm of Castleton, Howard of Rutland City, Komline of Dorset, Krawczyk of Bennington, Malcolm of Pawlet, Manwaring of Wilmington, Masland of Thetford, McNeil of Rutland Town, Miller of Shaftsbury, Mook of Bennington, Moran of Wardsboro, Morrissey of Bennington, Obuchowski of Rockingham, O'Donnell of Vernon, Pellett of Chester, Shand of Weathersfield, Smith of Mendon, Sweaney of Windsor, Wilson of Manchester and Winters of Williamstown

Offered by: Senators Campbell, Carris, Hartwell, Maynard, McCormack, Mullin, Nitka, Sears, Shumlin and White

Whereas, on December 11, 2008, a winter storm struck the state with such strong ferocity in Bennington, Orange, Windham, and Windsor counties that Governor Douglas later issued a state disaster declaration for those southern and eastern jurisdictions where the storm's precipitation fell largely in the form of ice, and

Whereas, the extensive accumulation of ice on power lines, or on trees that subsequently tumbled, in whole or part, onto these lines, caused over 49,000 customers of the Central Vermont Public Service Corporation (CVPS) in Orange, Windham, and Windsor counties to lose electrical service, and

Whereas, in response to this major electrical service interruption, CVPS dispatched crews to restore the power as quickly as realistically possible, and

Whereas, because of both the extent of the damage to power lines and the sizeable number of these lines situated in isolated locations, the task at hand proved challenging and beyond the exclusive ability of CVPS's very capable, but finite number of, repair personnel, and

Whereas, in order to complete this huge and time-sensitive assignment, CVPS received invaluable assistance from a number of Vermont's municipal electric utilities, including those of Burlington, Hardwick, Johnson, Ludlow, Lyndonville, Morrisville, and Swanton, as well as from the Green Mountain Power Company, Washington Electric Cooperative, Vermont Electric Cooperative, Inc., and the Vermont Electric Power Company, and

Whereas, CVPS procured major technical support from beyond the state's borders from Allegheny Power, Inc. of Pennsylvania and Hydro One, Inc. of Ontario, and

Whereas, the agency of transportation and the department of public safety, including its Vermont emergency management office, and the department of public service provided invaluable assistance, and

Whereas, each of these organizations can be proud of its role throughout the power restoration process, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commends the leadership of Central Vermont Public Service and the support of other electric companies and state offices in

restoring power in southern Vermont following the December 2008 ice storm,  
and be it further

Resolved: That the secretary of state be directed to send a copy of this  
resolution to Bob Young, President and CEO of Central Vermont Public  
Service, and to each of the electric utilities and state organizations cited in this  
resolution.