

State of Vermont
WATER RESOURCES BOARD

**In re: Passumpsic River Hydroelectric Project (CVPS)
Section 401 Certification
Docket No. WQ-94-09**

STAY ORDER

On February 19, 1997, the Water Resources Board (Board) issued a Stay Order in the above-captioned matter with an expiration deadline of May 20, 1997. On May 1, 1997, the Board received a letter filed by Central Vermont Public Service Corporation (CVPS) on behalf of itself and the other parties to the above-captioned appeal, Vermont Natural Resources Agency (VNRC) and the Agency of Natural Resources (ANR), asking for an extension of time in which to file a status report with respect to negotiations in this appeal. On May 5, 1997, the Board's Chair issued a Preliminary Ruling establishing, among other things, a new filing deadline of May 9, 1997, for a written status report.

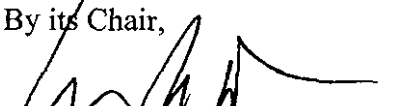
On May 9, 1997, the parties, through counsel for VNRC, jointly filed with the Board a status report and request that the Stay Order in the above-captioned matter be extended to August 22, 1997. The Board reviewed the joint request at its regular meeting on May 14, 1997, and determined that an extension should be granted, but with specific conditions. Therefore, it is hereby ordered that:

- (1) The stay granted by the Board's Stay Order of February 19, 1997, is hereby extended until **4:30 p.m., Friday, August 22, 1997**;
- (2) The parties shall file with the Board on or before **4:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 10, 1997**, a joint report clarifying what it is they actually expect to accomplish and present to the Board by the August 22, 1997, expiration date;
- (3) The parties shall participate in a telephone status conference to be convened by Board staff sometime in early July, at a date and time to be confirmed by subsequent notice; and
- (4) The parties shall file on or before **4:30 p.m., Tuesday August 5, 1997**, a joint status report indicating whether they will require an additional extension of the Stay Order to complete an agreement, whether they are prepared to file with the Board a settlement agreement by August 22, 1997, or whether this matter is ready to be scheduled for a hearing on disputed issues.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 20th day of May, 1997.

Concurring: William Boyd Davies
Ruth Einstein
Gerry Gossens
Gail Osherenko
Jane Potvin

Vermont Water Resources Board
By its Chair,


William Boyd Davies