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SUBJECT: AMENDED REQUEST FOR LIST OF PROTECTED SPECIES WITHIN THE
AREA UNDER EVALUATION FOR THE VERMONT YANKEE NUCLEAR
POWER STATION LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION REVIEW

Dear Mr. Moriarty:

In a letter dated May 5, 2006, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff requested information on Federally listed, proposed, and candidate species and critical habitat that might be in the vicinity of the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station (VYNPS) site. In that letter the staff indicated that the only area considered to be in scope for the license renewal environmental review was the 125 acre plant site. The letter further stated that no transmission lines were considered to be in scope for the review.

After obtaining additional information related to the construction of the transmission lines, the staff has reconsidered its initial position and come to the conclusion that two transmission lines exiting the VYNPS will be considered within the scope of the environmental review.

The reconsidered transmission lines are the 115 Kv transmission lines from VYNPS to the Coolidge Substation in Vermont (51 miles) and from VYNPS to the Chestnut Hill Substation in New Hampshire (2 miles).

To support the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) preparation process and to ensure compliance with Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, the NRC requests information on Federally listed, proposed, and candidate species and critical habitat that might be in the vicinity of the VYNPS site and the previously mentioned transmission lines. In addition, please provide any information you consider appropriate under the provisions of the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act.

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VYNPS is situated on approximately 125 acres of land on the west shore of the Connecticut River 0.75 miles upstream of the Vernon Hydroelectric Station. This section of the river is known as Vernon Pool. Enclosure 1 shows the transmission line from VYNPS to the Coolidge Substation in Vermont. Enclosure 2 shows the transmission line from VYNPS to the Chestnut Hill Substation in New Hampshire.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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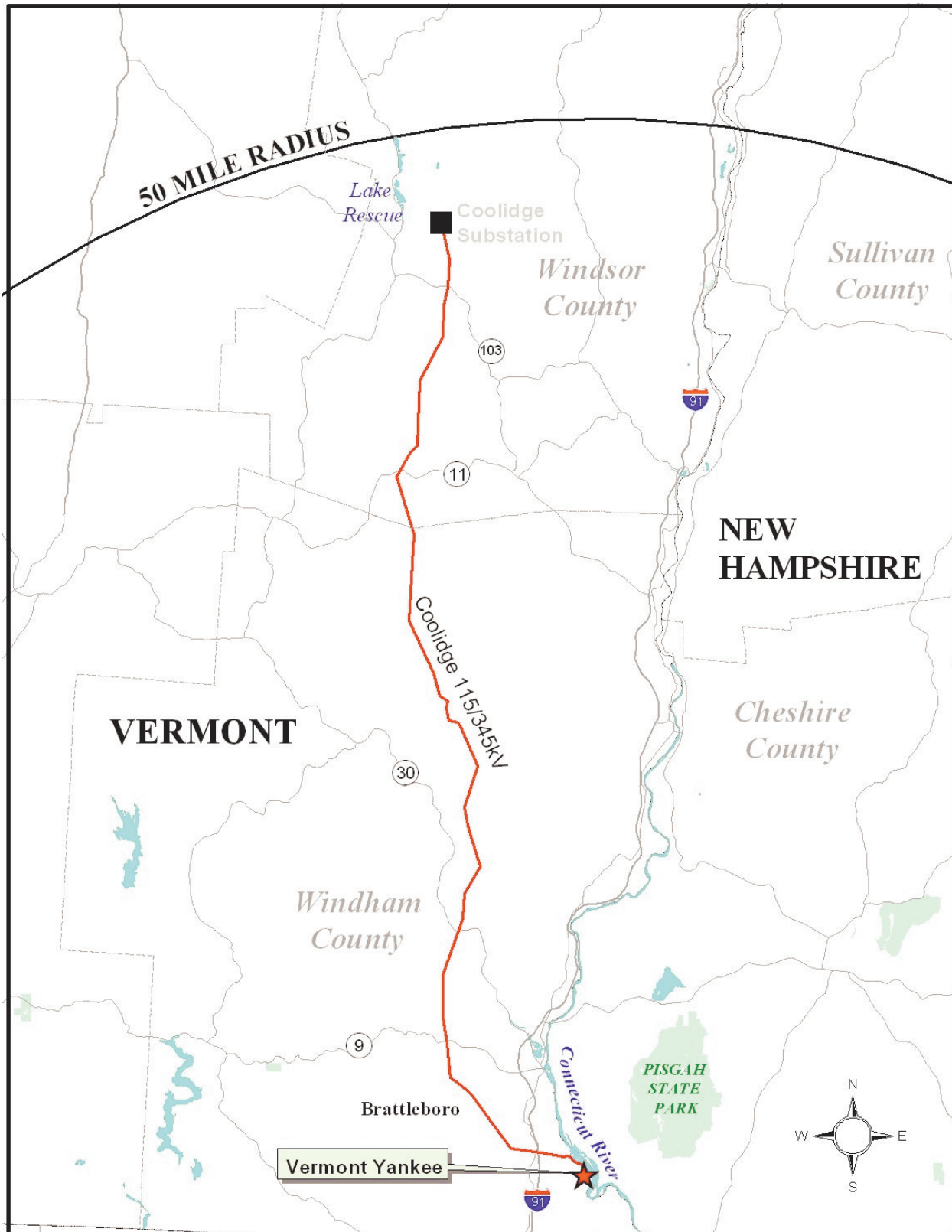
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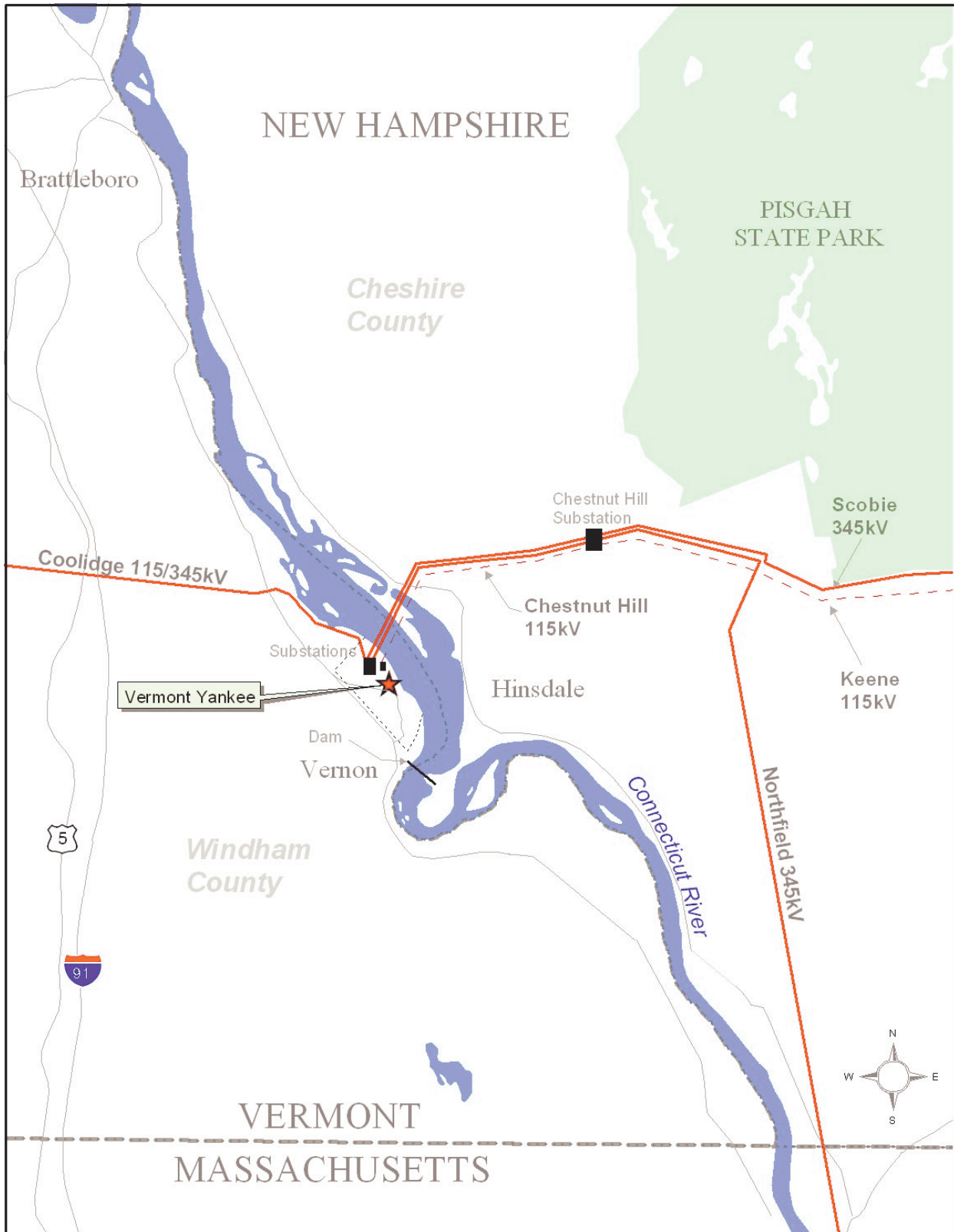
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