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MEMO

TO: Board of Finance

FROM: Heather Kendrew, Burlington International Airport

DATE: June 3, 2013

SUBJECT: Finance Board Approval Request – Canoe Portage Easement for GMP Corporation

The Burlington Airport seeks Finance Board and City Council approval and authorization for the City to grant an easement to Green Mountain Power Corporation (“GMP”).

Currently, there is no easy way for recreational, non-motorized boaters to easily maneuver around the hydroelectric dam located on the Winooski River that is currently owned and operated by GMP. The City’s involvement has occurred as a result of the need for construction of a short path over City owned land along a specific section of the Winooski River. By granting the easement, GMP would be authorized to construct two areas to “put-in” non-motorized watercraft as well as two areas to “take-out” non-motorized watercraft.

The Airport Commission approved the Easement agreement on May 20, 2013.

Thank you for your consideration of this project.

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6 **AUTHORIZATION TO GRANT**
7 **EASEMENT TO GREEN MOUNTAIN**
8 **POWER CORPORATION.**
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14 Resolved by the City Council of the City of Burlington, as follows:

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16 That WHEREAS, the City of Burlington (“City”) owns a parcel of land adjacent to the
17 Winooski River and along Berard Drive in the City of South Burlington, commonly known as 15
18 Berard Drive (“Parcel”); and

19 WHEREAS, the Parcel is utilized by the Burlington International Airport (“Airport”) for
20 the placement of towers and beacon lights that direct incoming airplanes to the Airport’s
21 runways; and

22 WHEREAS, Green Mountain Power Corporation (“GMP”) has requested that the City
23 grant an Easement to GMP over a portion of the Parcel that would allow GMP to satisfy a
24 requirement of Vermont Public Service Board Docket No. 7754 mandating that GMP provide a
25 non-motorized watercraft portage route, along with two put-in and take-out areas, around GMP’s
26 hydroelectric dam on the Winooski River; and

27 WHEREAS, the Airport and GMP have drafted the attached “Grant of Put-in and Portage
28 Easements” (“Easement”) that has been approved, pursuant to the requirements of Vermont
29 Public Service Board Docket No. 7754, by the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources and the
30 Vermont Public Service Board, pending approval by the Burlington City Council; and

1 WHEREAS, the City of Burlington Airport Commission, at its regularly scheduled
2 meeting on May 20, 2013, approved the attached Easement and the granting of the same to
3 GMP.

4 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Mayor of the City of Burlington,
5 Miro Weinberger, is hereby authorized, on behalf of the City of Burlington, to execute the
6 attached Easement subject to prior review and approval by the City Attorney as appropriate.
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