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**JOINT ENERGY COMMITTEE**

February 15, 2016

Chris Recchia, Commissioner  
Jon Copans, Deputy Commissioner  
Department of Public Service  
112 State Street, Third Floor  
Montpelier, VT 05620-2601

Re: Energy Efficiency Utilities; Distribution of Benefits and Charges to Customer Sectors

Dear Chris and Jon:

Thank you for the participation of the Department of Public Service (DPS) in the Joint Energy Committee's work on the appointed energy efficiency utilities pursuant to 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 56, Sec. 14b.

The Committee supports the work of these utilities and has concluded that the measures installed through 2014 under the programs they implement represent a significant financial benefit to Vermonters. The actual and projected monetary savings from those measures by 2025 total \$913 million from an investment of \$425 million. The net savings are therefore \$483 million, representing a return on investment of 113 percent.

However, the Committee also requests further explanation on the issue of distributing energy efficiency benefits and charges between the commercial and residential sectors. In this regard, the analysis DPS submitted to the committee, dated January, 8, 2016, indicates on p. 19 that significantly more resource acquisition funds are devoted to the commercial sector.

The Committee requests an explanation of the process and criteria used to determine the allocation of resource acquisition between the commercial and residential sectors and the process by which the energy efficiency charge is allocated between those sectors. The Committee also requests a comparison, for the last five full years, of the percentage of resource acquisition dollars allocated to each sector with the percentage of energy efficiency charge collections allocated to each sector. DPS is encouraged to submit any other information it considers relevant to this issue.

Please let us know when the Committee reasonably might be able to receive this information and do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Rep. Tony Klein, Chair

Cc: Committee members  
Public Service Board

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