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Dover From: Robert Spencer, Executive Director
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Guilford Re: **Updated Approved Comments on S.285 and Escheats to SWMEs**

Halifax Please replace my memo of April 11 with this one considering WSWMD's Board
Jamaica of Supervisors voted last night to support these comments.

Marlboro Thank you for the opportunity to testify before the HNRC last Wednesday, April
Newfane 4. Please consider the following summary of my testimony regarding S.285.

Putney WSWMD has 19 member towns, and until this past June operated a MRF. The
Readsboro District decided to close the MRF due to high operating costs, and the trend to
Somerset single stream recycling. Organics recycling is probably the future of WSWMD.

Stratton WSWMD needs such additional funding to support an expansion of our food
Townshend waste composting operation in Brattleboro.

Vernon WSWMD's food scrap composting facility in Brattleboro is now processing the
Wardsboro 2nd largest volume of food waste in the state, at approximately 1,000 tons per
Westminster year. Our facility is reaching capacity and without an investment of
Whitingham approximately \$800,000 to \$1 million in the next two years, will not be able to
Wilmington process projected quantities of food waste as more food scrap generators are
subject to Act 148.

Our estimated need for funds is consistent with the 2013 Systems Analysis Report by DSM, which estimated that the capital costs for a regional food scrap composting facility would be approximately \$1 million for a medium sized facility to process 5,000 tons per year, and \$2 million to process 10,000 tons per year.

Therefore, WSWMD would benefit from a source of funding to further develop our organics processing facility.

Thank you.