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**State of Vermont
Public Utility Commission**

MEMORANDUM

To: Senate Committee on Government Operations
From: Vermont Public Utility Commission
Re: Testimony on H.910
Date: April 18, 2018

The Vermont Public Utility Commission proposes a technical amendment to recognize the fact that now that some quasi-judicial agencies, like ours, are making all their material available electronically and publicly accessible, the administrative costs of document disclosures can be substantially reduced if the statute makes clear that all electronic documents that are publicly available are disclosed by being publicly available electronically without further process required. Accordingly, the Vermont Public Utility Commission offers the following amendment to H.910:

Section 316 of Title 1 shall be amended as follows:

(h) Standard formats for copies of public records shall be as follows: for copies in paper form, a photocopy of a paper public record or a hard copy print-out of a public record maintained in electronic form; for copies in electronic form, the format in which the record is maintained. Any format other than the formats described in this subsection is a nonstandard format.

(i) If an agency maintains public records in an electronic format, nonexempt public records shall be available for copying in either the standard electronic format or, if available, the standard paper format, as designated by the party requesting the records, except that in the case of a quasi-judicial agency that maintains public records in an electronic format, the obligations of this subsection and subsection (h) shall be fulfilled by allowing online public access to those electronic documents. An agency may, but is not required to, provide copies of public records in a nonstandard format, to create a public record, or to convert paper public records to electronic format.

