

Sec. 4.

#### PLANT CLOSURE CONTINGENCY PLAN

On or before March 1, 2022, the Secretary of Commerce and Community Development in consultation with the Commissioner of Forests, Parks, and Recreation shall report to the Senate Committee on Finance and the House Committee on Energy and Technology a contingency plan to address how to reduce the economic impacts that may occur if the baseload renewable power plant closes. The plan shall address how to remediate harm to the workforce impacted by the closure of the plant, the forestry industry, and forest health.

The contingency plan shall be developed in consultation with the Northern Vermont Development Association, a Vermont resident selected by the Commissioner of Forest Parks and Recreation who works in the forest industry from the Ryegate lumber catchment area and with the participation from the owners of the Ryegate Plant. On or before September 1, 2021, the Department of Forest Parks and Recreation shall render to the owners of the Ryegate Plant a statement for 10,000 dollars to assist in the creation of the contingency plan.