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Memorandum

To: Judith Newman, Committee Assistant, Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Energy
Alex Michalka, Committee Assistant, House Committee on Energy and Digital Infrastructure

From: Niels Rinehart, FPR Lands Administration & Historic Resources Coordinator

Date: January 30, 2026

Re: **Annual Report – Income from Electronic Communication Sites - FY2025**

Pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 2609a, attached is a report of the income generated from leases and licenses at electronic communication sites on Agency of Natural Resources land.

The Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation manages electronic communication sites on State Forest and State Park land including Coolidge State Forest (Killington Peak), Darling State Park (Burke Mt.), two at Ascutney State Park (North Peak and South Peak), Mt. Philo State Park, Molly Stark State Park (Mt. Olga), Mt. Mansfield State Forest, and Okemo State Forest. FPR also manages the Department of Fish & Wildlife's installation at the Ed Weed Fish Hatchery in Grand Isle.

The attached report shows total income for each site since FY2015. Please note that the income generated from the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation's leases and licenses at these communication sites is split equally between this department and the Department of Public Safety in accordance with our September 2000 Memorandum of Agreement.

Also, please note that payments from six license holders from FY2024 were not received within the period covered by the FY2024 report. Those fees were therefore not included with the totals in last year's report but are included in this year's report.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions. Thank you.

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cc: Governor Phil Scott

Julie Moore, ANR Secretary

Denise Reilly-Hughes, Secretary and CIO of the Agency of Digital Services

Jennifer Morrison, Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety

Kerrick Johnson, Commissioner of the Department of Public Service

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Danielle Fitzko, FPR Commissioner

Becca Washburn, FPR Lands Administration & Recreation Director

FY25 Report on Income from Mountaintop Communication Site												
Entity	Location	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25
Lamoille County Sherriff	Mt. Mansfield SF	\$1,553	\$1,556	\$1,568	\$1,568	\$1,641	\$1,671	\$1,687	\$1,779	\$1,860	\$1,920	\$1,977.47
Customs & Border Patrol	Coolidge SF	\$3,100	\$3,100	\$3,100	\$3,100	\$3,100	\$3,100	\$775	\$3,100	\$3,100		^a \$9,300.00
FBI	Coolidge SF	\$914	\$914	\$933	\$941	\$941	\$0	\$0	\$985	\$1,002		^b \$1,151.89
Northeast FM Repeater	Coolidge SF	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$0	\$50		^c \$50.00
Pamal	Coolidge SF	\$10,500	\$10,500	\$10,500	\$10,500	\$10,500	\$10,500	\$10,500	\$10,500	\$10,500	\$10,500	^d
Vermont Public Televisio	Coolidge SF	\$2,354	\$2,334	\$2,352	\$2,352	\$2,462	\$2,506	\$2,531	\$2,668	\$2,790	\$2,880	\$2,963.30
Vermont Railway	Coolidge SF	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000.00
VTel	Coolidge SF	\$0	\$12,166	\$12,498	\$13,219	\$15,641	\$14,902	\$15,349	\$11,886	\$16,283	^a	\$17,275.05
National Grid	Darling SP	\$2,328	\$2,334	\$2,352	\$2,352	\$2,462	\$2,506	\$2,531	\$2,668	\$2,790	\$2,880	\$2,963.30
Northeast FM Repeater	Darling SP	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$0	\$50	^a	^c \$50.00
Vermont Public Televisio	Darling SP	\$8,370	\$25,153	\$23,415	\$32,188	\$31,305	\$31,305	\$32,750	\$33,925	\$38,276	\$39,501	\$40,646.74
VELCO	Okemo SF	\$9,600	\$11,290	\$10,805	\$11,129	\$11,463	\$11,087	\$24,687	\$0	\$13,289	\$13,687	\$13,687.30
National Grid	Molly Stark	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500.00
Vermont Public Televisio	Ascutney SP	\$12,182	\$20,206	\$28,591	\$32,188	\$32,617	\$33,205	\$33,537	\$35,348	\$32,323	\$33,358	\$34,324.90
WPTZ/ECA	Ascutney SP	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000.00
Verizon	Ed Weed FCS	\$6,814	\$7,011	\$7,201	\$6,448	\$6,641	\$6,841	\$7,046	\$7,257	\$7,475	\$7,699	\$7,699.11
Vermont Railway	Mt. Philo SP	\$913	\$933	\$941	\$941	\$985	\$1,002	\$1,012	\$1,067	\$1,012	\$1,152	\$1,185.29
Total		\$65,178	\$104,047	\$110,806	\$123,475	\$126,308	\$125,173	\$138,955	\$117,681	\$137,302	\$109,577	\$139,774.35

Summary of Revenue by State Department

Forests, Parks, and Recreation	\$29,182	\$48,518	\$51,803	\$58,514	\$59,833	\$59,166	\$65,955	\$55,212	\$64,914	\$50,939	\$66,037.62
Department of Public Service	\$29,182	\$48,518	\$51,803	\$58,514	\$59,833	\$59,166	\$65,955	\$55,212	\$64,914	\$50,939	\$66,037.62
Fish & Wildlife (Ed Weed FCS)	\$6,814	\$7,011	\$7,201	\$6,448	\$6,641	\$6,841	\$7,046	\$7,257	\$7,475	\$7,699	\$7,699.11
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^a DHS paid for three years in a single payment (FY24, FY25, and FY26)

^b FBI is a year behind in their payments

^c NE FM Repeater paid for FY24 and FY25 in a single payment

^d Pamal is no longer a tenant at Killington Peak