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Ms. Judith Whitney, Clerk  
Vermont Public Utility Commission  
112 State Street, Floor 4  
Montpelier, Vermont 05620

Re: Case No. 17-5257-INV: Department comments in response to the Public Utility Commission's August 15, 2018 memorandum

Dear Ms. Whitney:

Attached please find the Department of Public Service ("Department" or "PSD") comments addressing the following items as specified in the Public Utility Commission's August 15, 2018 Memorandum: (1) any steps the Commission should take to improve the function of the standard-offer program; and (2) any recommendations the Commission should make to the Vermont General Assembly concerning the standard-offer program, including recommendations related to the exemption set forth at 30 V.S.A. § 8005a(k)(2)(B) and any issues arising from that exemption.

Sincerely,  
/s/ Sheila Grace  
Sheila Grace  
Special Counsel

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