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Vermont Public Utility Commission
112 State Street, Suite 4
Montpelier, VT 05602

RE: Case No. 19-3272-PET

To Whom It May Concern:

Over recent years, Efficiency Vermont has done an outstanding job of working with a range of customers, partners, and stakeholders in the Northeast Kingdom and Vermont to help develop a comprehensive proposal for their programs and services for the coming years 2021-2026. Highlights from their proposed Demand Resource Plan (DRP), include:

- ✓ An increased focus on greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction, including the creation of a new performance requirement to deliver GHG savings
- ✓ Prioritization of incentives and technical assistance for customers, especially those who have not yet accessed Efficiency Vermont's programs and services
- ✓ Increased investment in weatherization for homes and businesses, including the creation of a new performance metric for the number of housing units weatherized annually
- ✓ Continued collaboration with electric utilities to develop flexible and controllable load resources, helping reduce costs for customers and our electric grid
- ✓ Maintaining a flat budget for Efficiency Vermont, while striving to keep Energy Efficiency Charge rates flat

NVDA, the regional planning and development corporation serving the Northeast Kingdom region, strongly supports Efficiency Vermont's proposed Demand Resource Plan as we believe that the benefits to the residents and businesses of the NEK will be significant. We hope that the Public Utilities Commission considers their proposal favorably.

Sincerely,

David Snedeker

Executive Director

Northeastern VT Development Association