

BENNINGTON COLLEGE

February 25, 2020

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

RE: Case No. 19-3272-PET

Dear Public Utility Commission,

During my almost eleven years at Bennington College, I have worked closely with Efficiency Vermont. To date, the College has taken advantage of incentives, consulting, as well as technology recommendations resulting in a savings of 419 tons of CO₂ saved from being omitted into the atmosphere, 722,418 kWh annually, and 9249 MMBTU's and resulting in \$160,662 dollars saved on an annual basis. This work has been vital to our institution—not only for our climate and resilience commitments to the community, but also to the bottom line for the College.

When reviewing Efficiency Vermont's programs and services for the upcoming 2021-2026 services, please do keep small liberal arts College's like ours in mind. As a signature of the American College and University's Presidents Climate Commitment, an increased focus on reduction of greenhouse gas emissions will be essential not only for our reporting, though clearly more important the impact these emissions will have on climate change. Here at the College we are elated to have an Efficiency Vermont team that helps us work toward reducing our emissions, while also assisting us in building reviews, commissioning assistance, and building management control systems implementation that will ultimately aid in our goal to someday work with Green Mountain Power to utilize load management controls. I am also very much in favor of prioritizing incentives and technical assistance to not yet reached rate payers that have not taken advantage of Efficiency Vermont offerings. I spend a great deal of time at local ski resorts and properties adjacent to them and from my observations there are a litany of opportunities in these areas that are clearly not being taken advantage of by the occupants. This is evident driving through the villages where large icicles are prevalent at roof lines, lights remain on all day, for example, and oil delivery trucks are frequently filling up tanks. Reaching out to these properties—whether through individual homeowners or property management services would be a great benefit to our collective efficiency goals.

On a personal note, I have taken advantage of Efficiency Vermont's offering at my home in Bennington. I have installed a heat pump hot water heater, LED lamps and fixtures, insulated the walls of my home and just had a contractor come and look at heat pump options. The first winter we lived in the house, we used 900 gallons of heating oil. As of last heating season we have more than cut that by more than half. I am excited to see what our savings will be this year.

Thank you for your continued support of Efficiency Vermont and all their great work here in our brave little state. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Best,
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