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PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

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

RE: Case No. 19-3272-PET

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing to express Southwestern Vermont Health Care's support for Efficiency Vermont's proposal for programs and services 2021 – 2026. Since the start of our work with Efficiency Vermont in 2009, we have forged a trusted partnership. Their experts have identified opportunities, analyzed project economics, and supported implementation for more than 35 energy-conservation projects, including lighting retrofits, a boiler plant replacement, steam trap auditing and repairs, and many more. The annual savings tops \$315,000, which we have invested in further energy improvements.

As a health system, we rely on our engineering team to manage several campuses. While there are no better professionals to accomplish the tasks required of them, they do not have the level of experience necessary to conduct energy efficiency projects like those we have realized with the help of Efficiency Vermont. With Efficiency Vermont, we can make big energy efficiency decisions confidently. We could not likely approach these projects on our own.

Having reviewed a synopsis of Efficiency Vermont's plan for the next 5 years, I would like to voice the support of Southwestern Vermont Health Care. We hope that we will be able to go on relying on Efficiency Vermont for the technical assistance we need to achieve lasting, meaningful energy and cost savings.

I am eager to provide any additional information you need. I invite you to call my office if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,



Thomas A. Dee, FACHE