

March 2, 2020

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

RE: Case No. 19-3272-PET

Commissioners:

I am writing to voice Rutland Regional Medical Center's support for the comprehensive Demand Resources Plan (DRP) Proposal submitted by Efficiency Vermont.

Rutland Regional Medical Center (RRMC) is the second largest hospital and the largest community hospital in Vermont. RRMC is a 400,000 square foot, 144-bed hospital, employing over 1,600 professional and support staff including 242 providers trained in 37 specialty areas. We have been collaborating with Efficiency Vermont (EVT) for over 10 years on over 100 projects which have contributed substantially to the reduction of operating costs and energy usage at our campus facilities.

Efficiency Vermont's ongoing technical support and incentives were instrumental to our ability to achieve our aggressive energy reduction goals and the corresponding financial savings. A sampling of recent energy improvement efforts that have been supported by Efficiency Vermont include:

Capital improvements:

- Optimized controls and commissioned performance for:
 - Energy Efficient Air Handling Unit 1 (AHU-1) serving operating rooms
 - Energy Efficient Air Handling Unit 2 (AHU-2) serving Foley Cancer Center
- Boiler control system upgraded and optimized burn ratio for efficiency
- Replaced 152 windows for energy efficiency
- Leveraged heat pump technology and LED lighting in a new medical office building

Process Improvements:

- Retro-Commissioning project
 - Optimizing HVAC control for energy efficiency
- Energy Star Portfolio Manager rating demonstrated a 209% improvement from 2018 > 2019 (during EVT Continuous Energy Improvement Cohort III for Hospitals).

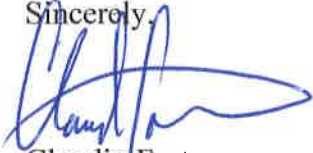
Upcoming Potential Projects:

- Pipe insulation
- Steam Trap Survey

Rutland Regional Medical Center values greatly our ongoing partnership with Efficiency Vermont, and we appreciate this opportunity to offer public comment on their DRP Proposal.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Claudio Fort', with a stylized, flowing script.

Claudio Fort
President & CEO
Rutland Regional Medical Center
160 Allen Street, Rutland, VT 05701
Voice: 802.747.1600
Fax: 802.773.4240