



## Gifford Health Care

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Vermont Public Utility Commission  
112 State St., Ste. 4  
Montpelier, VT 05602

RE: Case No. 19-3272-PET

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of Gifford Health Care, I want to take this opportunity to highlight our collaboration with Efficiency Vermont. As Gifford's Facilities Manager and chair of our Energy Committee, this valuable relationship has provided tremendous benefit to our main campus and energy initiatives.

While considered a small Vermont hospital, Gifford is the largest employer in Orange County with eleven unique locations in Washington, Windsor and Orange Counties.

With Efficiency Vermont's guidance, we:

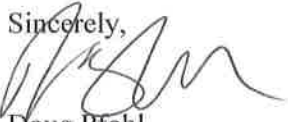
- transitioned all our lights to LEDs,
- installed a new air handler with energy recovery units,
- sequenced our boilers to increase efficiencies,
- leveraged third party engineers to retro commission our heating and cooling systems, and
- utilized mechanical insulators to reduce heat loss and have a more efficient steam system.

Combined, this work has helped to reduce our carbon emissions by over 457 tons. And in 2015 we achieved ENERGY STAR certification from the Environmental Protection Agency.

Our participation in Efficiency Vermont's Continuous Energy Improvement (CEI) group has also helped to better inform our approach to system management, employee engagement and education. This has resulted in a cultural shift that now focuses on efficiencies, cost savings, greenhouse gas, and carbon reduction. Today, our employees have begun taking an active role at work, and in their personal lives.

It is only through the support of Efficiency Vermont's incentives and technical expertise that we were able to move these exciting projects forward. This partnership reinforces Gifford's commitment to energy efficiency, which strengthens our bottom line and enables us to invest back into our facility.

Sincerely,

  
Doug Pfohl  
VP of Support Services

  
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Facilities Manager