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

RE: Case No. 19-3272-PET

To the Vermont PUC:

As an Energy Manager for Albertsons Companies, Inc., which owns the Shaw's grocery store banner, I have worked on projects with Efficiency Vermont since 2017. I have a unique perspective from working with utility efficiency programs across the country. Efficiency Vermont is a "best in class" organization. They have technical expertise, they have programmatic expertise, and they are determined to ensure true energy savings.

Efficiency Vermont has supported Shaw's in projects in all our Vermont locations. We have saved over 8,000,000 kwh annually across the banner in Vermont. Projects have included lighting retrofits to LED, anti-sweat heater controls, "Add Doors" on open refrigerated cases, and enhanced building controls.

Unique to my portfolio of projects is the Add – Door measure introduced to Albertsons by Efficiency Vermont. Albertsons Companies first effort on this measure in 10 years was in Waterbury Vermont. In this measure we enclose our medium temperature refrigerated cases with glass doors to keep the refrigerated air in the case. This makes our stores more comfortable, keeps the product temperatures more stable, and saves both electricity on refrigeration and fossil fuel on stores heating. As a result of our success and acceptance of this measure in Vermont, we are now rolling it out to stores across the country.

Efficiency Vermont's support, both technical and financial, has allowed us to reduce our operating costs and improve profitability across our Vermont locations.

Best Wishes,

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