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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:

Since 2016, Shaw's Supermarkets has been actively involved with energy retrofit projects in our portfolio of 19 grocery stores in Vermont. As the Facility Manager in charge of 150 stores across 5 states, I have the unique perspective of working with efficiency utility programs across the region.

Efficiency Vermont has supported Shaw's in projects in all our locations. We have saved over 8,000,000 kwh annually across the banner in Vermont. Shaw's is very proud to have been awarded an Energy Leadership Award at the Best Practices Exchange 2019. Projects have included lighting retrofits to LED, anti-sweat heater controls, add doors on open refrigerated cases, and other measures. We currently have active projects to optimize our controls system in all 19 locations.

This support, both technical and financial has been motivating and helpful to our business operations.

In addition, Efficiency Vermont has supported Shaw's Supermarkets efforts to reduce refrigerant leakages rate in all our locations. Their aspiration to make this a metric under which they operate makes sense for all refrigerant users as well as the planet. We fully support their efforts to increase focus on greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction and support the creation of a new performance requirement to deliver GHG savings.

In addition, we support the efforts to maintain a flat budget.

Albertson's, our parent company, corporate leadership has also recognized the energy reduction projects in Vermont and plans to roll out the 'Add door' projects across our national footprint.

Very Sincerely Yours,

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