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Holly R. Anderson, Clerk
Vermont Public Utility Commission
112 State Street – 4th Floor
Montpelier, VT 05620-2701

Re: Case No. 19-0855-RULE Request for Participation in August 24, 2021 Workshop

Dear Ms. Anderson

On July 1, 2021, the Notice of Workshops and Request for Comments were ordered by the Public Utility Commission ("Commission") whereby the workshops will review potential changes to Rule 5.100.

Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc (VHB) requests the opportunity to participate in the August 24, 2021 (9:30am) *Certificate of Public Good ("CPG") Application Process Workshop*, including potentially asking questions or making a statement, following the presentation VHB understands to be made by the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources regarding potential standards for forest clearing associated with net-metering systems. VHB's Vermont operations provide integrated environmental, engineering, and planning services for a variety of projects and sectors across Vermont, and personnel include environmental consultants with considerable technical expertise and experience related to the assessment of natural resources, siting, permitting. Specific to this workshop, VHB routinely provides professional consulting regarding the avoidance of natural resources, and assessment of impacts and mitigation thereof, including those from forest clearing associated with renewable energy development in Vermont.

The following VHB personnel may be present during the time period of this virtual workshop: Jeff Nelson, Adam Crary, and Tim Upton.

We appreciate your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

VHB

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Nelson", written over a horizontal line.

/s/ Jeffrey Nelson
Principal