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I am writing to express my view that the Burlington Electric Department should not be allowed to transfer funds from its thermal energy efficiency program to pay for studies for the Burlington District Energy System (BDES). The legislature allowed this with two important caveats that the DES be "highly efficient" and "cost effective" and the BDES is neither. While wood field district energy systems can be 75% efficient or more, the BDES is about 25% efficient. It will cost \$42,000,000 I believe and will serve only one client: the UVM Medical Center. This is not in the public interest at large and public funds should not be used for this climate destroying project.

I support the request of Pike Porter to be a party to the proceedings in this case to ensure that the letter and the spirit of Vermont's current environmental statutes are followed.

Sincerely,
Brian Forrest
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