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Judith Whitney, Clerk
Vermont Public Utility Commission
112 State Street
Montpelier, Vermont 05602

Re: Case No. 20-0789-INV; Access to grand lists for identifying adjoining landowners

Dear Mrs. Whitney:

This letter responds to the Public Utility Commission's (Commission) memorandum dated April 7, 2020, requesting comments regarding accessing land records during the Covid-19 crisis.

Currently, GMP is not having any challenges accessing land records. Our general experience is that land record access varies from municipality to municipality for both the availability of on-line data and for hard copies of information. In some cases, the on-line resource is quick and efficient, and in other cases, we are finding that municipalities are willing to provide hard copies of information at our request – leaving it outside in an envelope, for example. In any event, we are finding that municipalities are helpful and accommodating, as we all work together to stay safe with social distancing.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Please contact me with any questions.

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