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Public Utilities Commission
112 State Street
Montpelier, Vermont 05620

RE: EPUC Case #20-0703

Barton Village provides the following response to the PUC's request in case #20-0703.

1. The magnitude of customer balances that are more than 60 days past due, the number of customers with balances that are more than 60 days past due, and how these data compare with the same time-period in 2020 (broken out into residential and non-residential customers).
 - Feb 2021 - 60 days past due -approximately \$71,743
Number of customers not available
 - Feb 2020 - 60 days past due - comparable data for same time period is not available
 - Feb 2021 - 30 days past due - outstanding balances of \$95,254
Approximately 197 customers
 - Feb 2020 -30 days past due - outstanding balances of \$90,810
Approximately 240 customers with
2. The number of customers with whom the utility has interacted to set up a payment agreement between the date of the issuance of this Order and March 1, 2021.
 - Estimated at less than 10
3. The number of payment agreements entered into between the date of the issuance of this Order and March 1, 2021.
 - Estimated at less than 5
4. The number of payment agreements successfully adhered to by the customer between the date of the issuance of this Order and March 1, 2021.
 - Estimated at less than 5
5. Comments on whether the moratorium should be extended beyond March 31, 2021.

As noted above, the arrearages for customers 30 days past due in February of 2021 (the time period that comparable data is available) was slightly less than the same time-period in 2020; however, Barton Village received approximately \$47,000 from the State of Vermont Arrearages (VCAAP) program with the last payment being received in January of 2021. It is clear that without this program, the arrearages for 2021 would have been significantly higher and that if the moratorium is extended Barton Village will experience a growth in arrearages. An extended moratorium will continue to encourage customers not to work with the utility in settling outstanding arrearages and will result in built up balances that will become overburdensome when the moratorium is lifted. Barton Village does not encourage the extension of the moratorium but will not object if the moratorium is extended; however, it does strongly encourage the PUC to seek additional funding to help support these customers who are in such financial need due to the pandemic.

On behalf of Barton Village, Inc.

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Controller

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