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Ms. Holly Anderson, Clerk
Vermont Public Utility Commission
112 State Street
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Re: **Case No. 22-2954-PET** – Washington Electric Cooperative Comments in Support of Flexible Load Management within Efficiency Vermont's 2024-2026 Demand Resources Plan Update Proposal

Dear Ms. Anderson,

Washington Electric Cooperative is writing to voice support for the Demand Resources Plan proposal submitted by Efficiency Vermont, and specifically to discuss our ongoing collaboration on Flexible Load Management.

Since 2019, Washington Electric Cooperative (WEC) had been collaborating with the Efficiency Vermont team to explore ways that flexible load management can be used to reduce power costs, optimize grid performance, and encourage our members to decarbonize through strategic electrification.

The Efficiency Vermont team and their skillset have been essential in both the technical vetting and evaluation of technologies and the implementation of programs and customer outreach. Without the dedicated staff and the skills that Efficiency Vermont provides, WEC's ability to venture into FLM programs would be far more limited. From understanding which end-use devices have the appropriate load profile, to evaluating controls and helping with vendor negotiations, to designing and implementing programs—Efficiency Vermont has been our lead resource and trusted partner.

Looking forward, WEC recognizes that FLM will be a key strategy to manage increasing loads brought on by strategic electrification. Efficiency Vermont's statewide presence and continuous monitoring of best practices on a national scale provide WEC and all of Vermont's DUs with an invaluable resource and partnership. Given the nascent and fluid landscape of electrification and flexible load management, the ability to have an experienced and unbiased thought-partner like Efficiency Vermont will be critical as we evolve our pilots and begin to develop more permanent FLM programs in the years ahead.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide comments in this proceeding and will be happy to provide further information if needed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William Powell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "W".

William Powell

Director, Products & Services

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