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Dear Vermont Public Utility Commission,

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We should not, cannot, and must not let utilities use America's economic momentum as an excuse to build more gas power plants, which would lead to a massive increase in climate pollution and costs for customers. I urge you to do everything in your power to refuse these schemes and act in accordance with what American customers want, which is more energy cost regulation, more affordable power, and utilities investing in clean energy options.

Thank you,

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