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**Subject:** CONFIDENTIAL: A few updates from Darren Springer:

1. Stewart Ledbetter is doing a story on Fairpoint's growing consumer issues. No one from the Department is interviewed, although DPS did provide data.
2. Franklin Foods (Enosburg) economic development rate draft proposal has been received by the Department. Darren is still reviewing it, but the Department is inclined to support it.
3. Liz, action item: Darren has been talking with a very broad coalition of energy, business, legislative and others about the Energy Innovation Project (RPS Plus). Appears to be broad consensus in support. Darren would like to move forward with the proposal. Gov has apparently agreed to the concept, but Darren wants to double check that we're still a 'go' over here. He's willing to come over and talk to any/all of us if you want details, and I'm happy to set that up.