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TO: The Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Energy; The House Committee on Natural Resources and Energy; The Senate Committee on Finance; The House Committee on Ways and Means

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SUBJECT: Annual Report on Bill-Backs Authorized Under 30 VSA 21

In accordance with 30 VSA, subsection 21(e), the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources ("Agency") is required to report annually the total amount of expenses allocated under section 21.

As of July 1, 2015, the Agency was authorized to receive a fee for the review of certain Certificate of Public Good Petitions; therefore, it will be unlikely that the Agency pursues Title 30 bill back for the review of new CPG Petitions in the future.

Vermont Gas Systems ANGP Phase II

For calendar year 2015, the Agency allocated \$11,865 in costs and expenses to Vermont Gas Systems, Inc. ("VGS") in connection with the Agency's review of VGS's Petition for a Certificate of Public Good before the Public Service Board for the Addison Natural Gas Project Phase II.

VGS withdrew their Phase II Petition in February of 2015; after which the level of Agency activity associated with the review of the Petition decreased significantly. The allocation of costs ceased all together in April 2015. The Agency would have likely allocated additional, substantial costs to VGS had the Petition not been withdrawn by the company prior to the conclusion of the PSB proceeding. The Agency allocated a total of \$90,606 in costs and expenses to VGS: \$78,741 in 2014 and \$11,865 in 2015.

Entergy Vermont Yankee

For calendar year 2015, the Agency allocated \$24,455 in costs and expenses to Entergy Nuclear Vermont Yankee, LLC in connection with the Agency's review of Entergy's Petition for a Certificate of Public Good before the Public Service Board for the construction of a dry cask storage facility at the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station.

TDI New England Clean Power Link

For calendar year 2015, the Agency allocated \$32,669 in costs and expenses to TDI New England in connection with the Agency's review of TDI's Petition for a Certificate of Public Good before the Public Service Board for the Clean Power Link project. Due to the novel and highly technical issues associated with the in-lake construction of the TDI project, TDI engaged heavily with Agency staff prior to filing their CPG petition. The costs and expenses associated with the twelve months of pre-application meetings, data review and technical analysis by Agency staff was not allocated to TDI because this work occurred before TDI filed the CPG petition, which is the trigger for the Agency's Title 30 bill back authority.