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Agency of Natural Resources

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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

FROM: Billy Coster, ANR Director of Planning

DATE: January 15, 2015

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 is required to report annually the total amount of expenses allocated under section 21.

For calendar year 2014, the Agency of Natural Resources ("Agency") allocated \$78,741 in costs and expenses to Vermont Gas Systems, Inc. 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.

Staff from the Department of Environmental Conservation, Department of Fish and Wildlife and Agency Office of Planning and Legal Affairs incurred these costs and expenses from January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 for activities including but not limited to research, preparation of discovery, response to discovery, review of testimony, and preparation of testimony in connection with the ANGP Phase II proceeding. The VGS ANGP Phase II docket is still open before the PSB and the Agency anticipates incurring and allocating additional costs and expenses to the Petitioner in 2015.

Additionally, the Agency has notified Petitioner TDI New England of the Agency's intent to allocate costs and expenses to TDI in connection with their New England Clean Power Link Petition, which was filed on December 8, 2014 with Public Service Board. Since the petition was filed recently, the Agency has not accrued significant costs associated with the proceeding at this time, but will report on future bill back activities by January 15, 2016.