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Re: Case 8880 - Retention of Consultant to Advise the Commission

Dear Mr. Marshall, Mr. Weisburst, and Ms. Wilschek:

I am writing to advise you that, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 20(a)(1)(A), the Vermont Public Utility Commission plans to retain a consultant to assist the Commission in connection with various technical issues raised in Case 8880. In particular, the consultant will assist the Commission in assessing the costs and benefits of various decommissioning alternatives proposed by the parties to the extent they relate to matters within the jurisdiction of the Commission in this case. The Commission currently anticipates that the cost of this retention will be between \$50,000 and \$100,000.

Pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 21(a), the Commission intends to allocate the costs of retaining the consultant to the joint petitioners in Case 8880. The Commission requests that the joint petitioners notify the Commission by November 9, 2017, of any objection to such allocation of costs.

Sincerely yours,

George Young/ General Counsel

cc: Other parties in Case 8880

