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TO: The Legislative Joint Fiscal Committee

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SUBJECT: Annual Report on FERC Bill-Backs

In accordance with Title 30 VSA, subsection 20(a)(2)(C), the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources (Agency) is required to report annually on all personnel costs authorized under that subsection, which were charged to applicants involved in proceedings before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).

For the past fiscal year of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 the Agency has not authorized costs or charged expenditures as authorized under 30 VSA 20(a)(2)(C).

The Agency has, however, incurred costs and authorized expenses to applicant Green Mountain Power in connection with the water quality certification processing for GMP's Waterbury Hydroelectric Project (FERC Project No. 2090). Bill-back authority for water quality certification processing rests in Title 3 VSA 2809(a)(1)(B) not in the Title 30 authority, which is the subject of this report. The total cost of that bill back did not exceed \$6,500.

Please feel free to contact me with any question or with requests for additional information.