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The Honorable Jennifer Granholm
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, D.C. 20585

Re: *Preventing Outages and Enhancing the Resilience of the Electric Grid Formula Grants*

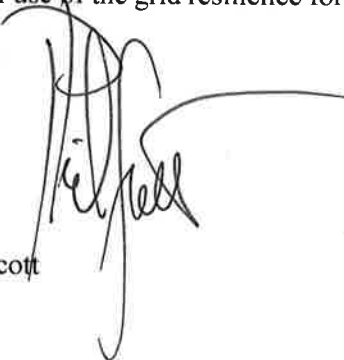
Dear Secretary Granholm:

In pursuit of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act provision 40101(d), Preventing Outages and Enhancing the Resilience of the Electric Grid Formula Grants to States and Indian Tribes, I am appointing the Vermont Public Service Department (PSD), Vermont's designated State Energy Office (SEO), as the sole state entity within the state to apply for, receive, and administer the award.

The PSD – in coordination with other state agencies – is leading the charge toward clean energy adoption and is committed to planning for, developing, and deploying solutions that will maximize Vermont's significant renewable energy resources. Through effective policies as articulated in the [Comprehensive Energy Plan](#) (CEP) and innovative programs to effectuate that plan, the PSD has positioned Vermont as a leader in clean energy – creating quality jobs, attracting investment opportunities, and accelerating economic growth. In particular, the "Grid Evolution" chapter of the CEP positions the PSD as a leader in grid modernization efforts that span multiple jurisdictions and regulatory frameworks. The CEP undertook a significant public engagement process to map out key objectives and metrics for grid modernization as we transition to 90% clean energy across all sectors by 2050, and 100% clean electricity by 2030.

With the impact severe storms have brought to the state, particularly to the most vulnerable communities and electric service areas, we seek to move as quickly as possible to prevent or mitigate the effects of future disasters on our energy systems, while helping to build more resilient communities. We look forward to making full use of the grid resilience formula funding.

Sincerely,


Philip B. Scott
Governor

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