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**TO:** June E. Tierney, Commissioner, Vermont Department of Public Service  
**FROM:** Tom Kennedy, AICP, Executive Director  
**SUBJECT:** Submission of the Southern Windsor County Regional Plan for Determination of Energy Compliance under 24 V.S.A. §4352

Attached for your review is the Southern Windsor County Regional Plan and the Regional Energy Plan, which was adopted on June 25, 2018 as an amendment to the Regional Plan, replacing the previous energy chapter. This amendment will become effective on July 30, 2018. The Southern Windsor County Regional Planning Commission (SWCRPC) respectfully requests your consideration of this Plan for a determination of energy compliance pursuant to Act 174 and 24 V.S.A. §4352.

While developing this Regional Energy Plan, the SWCRPC followed the Guidance for Regional Enhanced Energy Planning Standards and worked closely with Department of Public Service staff. Last summer, the SWCRPC submitted a draft Plan for a pre-review. This Plan addresses comments received as part of that pre-review. We also received comments from the Agency of Natural Resources provided to us prior to our first public hearing on May 21, 2018. This Plan addresses those comments as well. No comments were submitted during our second public hearing.

As part of the process to prepare this Plan, SWCRPC staff conducted outreach to our member municipalities to encourage their input. This included a number of regional public meetings, attendance at local meetings, as well as engaging local energy committee members and other town officials throughout this planning process.

Also attached is our energy planning standards checklist to assist in your review and consideration of this Plan. This Plan was adopted by a unanimous vote of the SWCRPC board on June 25, 2018. We believe that this Plan:

- Addresses the requirements of 24 V.S.A. §4348a(a)(3);
- Is consistent with state energy policy; and,
- Meets the standards for issuing a determination of energy compliance as outlined in the checklist.

Thank you for your time and attention to this request for a determination of energy compliance. We are available to answer questions or provide any information to assist in the Department's review process.