

August 31, 2020

June Tierney, Commissioner Vermont Department of Public Service Via email

RE: Submission of TRORC Regional Plan for Determination of Energy Compliance

Dear Commissioner Tierney,

The Two Rivers- Ottauquechee Regional Commission is pleased to submit the recently adopted Regional Plan for a Determination of Energy Compliance pursuant to Act 174.

TRORC incorporated the separately included Energy Implementation Plan (EIP) into the Regional Plan for this 2020 iteration. Other than updating data, the goals, policies, and recommendations of the EIP were kept the same and incorporated into the Energy chapter of the Regional Plan. Several public hearings were held on the Regional Plan; July 10 & 11, 2019, September 25, 2019, October 20, 2019, and July 1, 2020. The Regional Plan was then formally adopted on July 15, 2020 with an effective date of August 19, 2020.

The adopted Regional Plan includes all of the elements required by 24 VSA Section 4348(a), including an energy element that incorporates the energy planning standards created by DPS.

Energy associated policies are addressed throughout various sections of the Regional Plan such as Housing, Transportation, Utilities and Facilities, Land Use, Energy, and Working Landscape. The Regional Plan has policies that enhance and further energy planning in the region through reducing energy demand as well as meeting the remaining demand through renewable sources.

Thank you for your time on this request for a Determination of Energy Compliance. Please let me know if any additional information is required during the review process.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

CC: Gerald Fredrickson, Chair

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