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By e-mail only to: [ncornettlaw@gmail.com](mailto:ncornettlaw@gmail.com)

Re: Vermont Public Records Act Request

Dear Attorney Cornett:

By e-mail dated December 27, 2019, you narrowed public records act requests previously made by Matthew Hardin and Energy Policy Advocates. In your December 27, 2019 e-mail you narrowed a December 8, 2019 request to seek:

*all correspondence, and any accompanying information (see discussion of SEC Data Delivery Standards, infra), including also any attachments, a) sent to or from or copying (whether as cc: or bcc:) Scot Kline and/or Nick Persampieri, that b) includes the word Pawa, anywhere, including but not limited to in mp@pawalaw.com, AND any of the following words i) powerpoint, ii) slides, and/or iii) Dropbox, anywhere, including in any attachments, and c) is dated from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016, inclusive.*

There was only one e-mail that we believe may be responsive to your request. It is being withheld from disclosure pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 317(c)(3) and (4) as attorney work product and attorney-client privileged material. That e-mail is a communication between an Assistant Attorney General, with Scot Kline copied, to

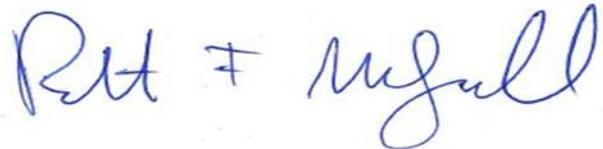
the State of Vermont's outside counsel team in the State of Vermont's litigation involving the gasoline additive MTBE (*State of Vermont v. Atlantic Richfield Co. et al*, Vermont Superior Court, Washington Unit, Docket No. 340-6-14 Wncv).

To the extent that you feel this response is a denial of your request, you may appeal to the Deputy Attorney General, Joshua Diamond. Any appeal should be made in writing and sent to him at this address:

Deputy Attorney General Joshua R. Diamond  
Office of the Attorney General  
109 State Street  
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Please be advised that we are still processing the second narrowed request and expect to have further response to you next week.

Sincerely,



Robert F. McDougall  
Assistant Attorney General