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**State of Vermont
Agency of Natural Resources**

April 2, 2020

Eric Slifka
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Dear Mr. Slifka,

I have received your request on behalf of Global Partners LP to waive Vermont Air Pollution Control Regulation §5-253.6(a), which limits the Reid vapor pressure (RVP) of gasoline sold or supplied in Vermont to 9.0 PSI May 1 through September 15 of each year. Pursuant to §5-253.6(e) and the information you have provided to the Agency, I have decided to grant your request for a waiver, effective immediately and expiring on May 20, 2020.

As stated in your request, supply issues related to the public health crisis caused by COVID-19 have caused gasoline suppliers to have an unexpected over-supply of winter gasoline, which has an RVP of greater than 9.0 PSI, remaining in the distribution system. You have also stated that this over-supply will cause gasoline to remain in the supply chain that has an RVP of greater than 9.0 PSI beyond May 1. This information is sufficient to support my finding that quantities of gasoline sufficient to meet the demand in the state of Vermont cannot be distributed to meet all of the requirements of §5-253.6.

If you have any questions regarding my decision, please contact Heidi Hales of the Vermont Air Quality and Climate Division at (802) 498-7338 or Heidi.hales@vermont.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Julia S. Moore".

Julia S. Moore, P.E.
Secretary

cc via email: Heidi Hales, Air Quality and Climate Division, VT Dept of Environmental Conservation
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