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The Radio Vermont Group

1st Quarter 2015

Jan 1 thru Mar 31

Following is a list of major topic areas to be addressed in our news and public affairs coverage. Different items may be substituted depending upon current news events unforeseen at the outset of this quarter.

Examples of specific stories are given to help you identify if the topic fits the issue category.

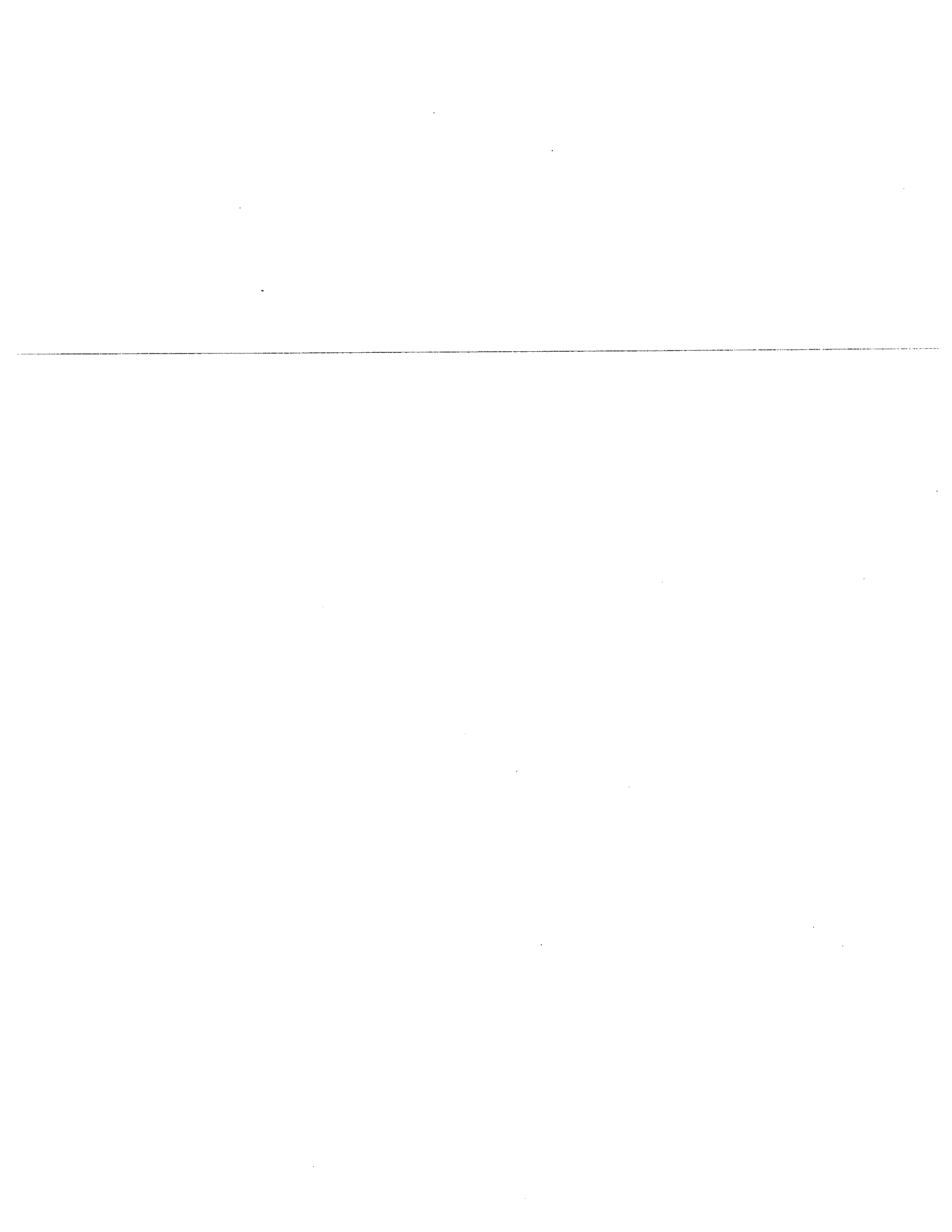
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Radio Vermont News

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*6140 AP-VT--Vermont Yankee,109
Vermont Yankee nuke owner says fuel removed from reactor
Eds: APNewsNow.

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) - The owner of the Vermont Yankee nuclear power plant says the fuel has been removed from the reactor and placed in the spent fuel pool.

The information was contained in a letter dated Friday from Entergy Nuclear Operations to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Vermont Yankee ceased operations on Dec. 29 after more than 42 years of producing electricity.

The fuel in the spent fuel pool will eventually be moved to dry cask storage.

~~The plant will sit for decades while its radioactive components cool and its decommissioning fund grows. It's expected to cost nearly \$1.25 billion to dismantle the plant, which likely won't occur until the 2040s or later.~~

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Radio Vermont News

BC-VT--Vermont Yankee-Strontium,130
Radioactive isotope found in well at shut Vermont nuke plant
BOB WELCH 10 FEBRUARY 2015

VERNON, Vt. (AP) - Vermont's health department says a radioactive isotope was detected in ground water at the now-shuttered Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station in Vernon.

BW0210A

The strontium-90 was found in water that is unavailable for consumption and at levels well below the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's safe drinking water threshold.

The health department says there is no immediate health risk.

The water was sampled in August and the Oak Ridge National Laboratory verified the strontium-90 on Jan. 29.

Entergy-owned Vermont Yankee stopped producing electricity in December after more than four decades online. The New Orleans-based company says it continues to comply with all monitoring programs.

The plant will sit for decades while its radioactive components cool. It's expected to cost nearly \$1.25 billion to dismantle the plant, which likely won't occur before 2040.

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Radio Vermont News

BC-VT--Vermont Yankee-Decommissioning, 1st Ld-Writethru,128
Vermont raises concerns about nuclear plant decommissioning

Vermont is asking federal nuclear regulators to require the owner of the Vermont Yankee nuclear power plant to address concerns about Entergy's plans for cleaning up the site.

(LK0306A)

The Vermont attorney general, Department of Public Service, Agency of Natural Resources and Department of Health filed comments with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission Friday.

They are concerned that Entergy has not done enough work to determine what contamination exists and may not have enough money to cover the decommissioning.

Vermont Yankee's fund has about half the amount expected to be needed.

The NRC allows retired plants to take up to 60 years to complete decommissioning.

Entergy Vice President Mike Twomey said last week that the company expects investment growth in the fund will be sufficient in that amount of time.

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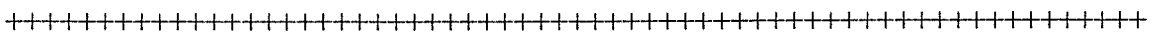
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VERMONT GAS PIPELINE
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VERMONT GAS HAS PULLED OUT OF THEIR EXPANSION PROJECT SLATED TO RUN UNDERNEATH LAKE CHAMPLAIN AFTER LOSING THE SUPPORT OF THEIR LARGEST POTENTIAL CUSTOMER IN NEW YORK STATE.

V-T DIGGER REPORTER JOHN HERRICK HAS MORE.

(JH0210) 1:05 Q: BEING CONSTRUCTED

VERMONT GOVERNOR PETER SHUMLIN ISSUED A STATEMENT SUPPORTING THE VERMONT GAS DECISION.

THERE IS MORE ON THIS STORY ONLINE AT V-T DIGGER DOT ORG.

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*6140 AP-VT--Fuel Dealers-VGS,127
Vermont oil heat industry questions gas pipeline
Eds: APNewsNow.

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) - Vermont's oil heat industry is questioning whether a proposed gas pipeline expansion makes economic sense, now that part of it has been cancelled.

The comments from the Vermont Fuel Dealers Association follow an announcement from Vermont Gas Systems this past week that it was cancelling Phase 2 of a proposed gas pipeline expansion, running from Middlebury to the International Paper plant in Ticonderoga, N.Y.

In its weekly newsletter, the Vermont Fuel Dealers Association says rising construction costs for the gas pipeline project are likely to erase the price advantage that natural gas has maintained over oil as a heating fuel.

Gov. Peter Shumlin says he continues to support construction of the pipeline
from Chittenden County south to Middlebury, and hopes to see it eventually expanded to Rutland.

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*6140 AP-VT--Gas Pipeline,115
Vermont utility regulators delay pipeline hearings
BOB WELCH 3 JAN 2015

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) - Vermont utility regulators have delayed hearings on the second phase of the Vermont Gas Systems project to extend a natural gas line south to Addison County and under Lake Champlain to serve a New York paper mill.

BW0103A

Vermont Gas had asked the Public Service Board to delay hearings into phase two of the project, which would run from Middlebury to Ticonderoga, New York.

The company made the request last month after it announced its cost for phase one was running about \$154 million, up from an initial estimate of \$86 million.

Vermont Public Radio (<http://bit.ly/lzJnNTx>) reports the cost increase could cause the board to reassess its approve of phase 1 of the pipeline project.

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Radio Vermont News

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BC-NNE--FairPoint Strike, 1st Ld-Writethru,130
FairPoint, unions headed back to table

FairPoint Communication and unions representing more than 1,700 striking workers are headed back to the bargaining table.

(LK0102)

Top leaders from both negotiating teams are to gather in Washington, D.C., at the request of Allison Beck, acting director of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service. The unions said the meeting is Sunday.

The last session convened by a federal mediator in Boston on Nov. 18 ended with no progress.

But officials said Friday that this time things could be different. The federal mediation service plans to play a formal role in discussions, rather than simply bringing the two parties together.

FairPoint workers in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont have been on strike in October. The company has declared an impasse and has imposed terms of its final offer, including freezing pensions.

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Radio Vermont News

Fairpoint

Mark Johnson [mark@gmavt.net]

Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2015 11:21 AM

To: News Room; Jon Noyes; Eric Michaels

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The head of the Department of Public Service says problems at the state's largest telephone company are unacceptable.

Dept of Public Service Commissioner Chris Recchia says service complaints against Fairpoint Communications preceded the ongoing strike by workers. But since workers went out in the fall, the complaints have escalated. Recchia says it's only luck that has prevented a customer with a medical condition from dying because they were not able to reach emergency services. Recchia says those customers are being prioritized.

In other news, Recchia says the cost increases of a proposed gas pipeline in western Vermont has reached the point the project is close to not making financial sense.

Vermont gas is proposing to build a pipeline from Burlington down to the International Paper Plant. Phase one, has rising dramatically in cost and now stands at 158 million dollars.

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BC-NNE--FairPoint Outages, 1st Ld-Writethru,122
Congressional members ask for FairPoint assessment

Eds: APNewsNow. Updates with comment from FairPoint spokeswoman. Will be updated.

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) - Members of Congress from Vermont and New Hampshire have called on the Federal Communications Commission to assess the ability of FairPoint Communications to operate emergency communications networks in both states following outages last year.

There was a six-hour outage of Vermont's 911 system in November and a four-hour outage of Portsmouth, New Hampshire 911 services in December.

With about 1,800 FairPoint workers on strike in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont since October, the lawmakers said in their letter Wednesday that FairPoint's networks and equipment have failed with increasing frequency and customer complaints have soared.

A FairPoint spokeswoman says the utility is making progress daily to reduce load trouble caused by the strike and "incredibly bad" weather over the past three months.

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BC-US--FairPoint Strike, 1st Ld,268

FairPoint Communications, unions reach deal to end strike

Eds: APNewsNow. Updates with deal reached. Will be updated.

Northern New England's primary landline provider, FairPoint Communications, has reached an agreement with two unions representing more than 1,700 workers to end a four-month strike.

V-T DIGGER REPORTER ERIN MANSFIELD HAS THE STORY.

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*1333 AP-US-FairPoint-Strike,125
Unions begin 3 days of voting on FairPoint contract
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Eds: APNewsNow. Will be updated. With AP Photos.
By DAVID SHARP
Associated Press

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) - Striking FairPoint Communications workers begin three days of voting on a tentative agreement just a day after negotiators announced a pact that could end the four-month strike.

More than 1,700 workers in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont will vote over the next three days after attending meetings and being briefed on the tentative agreement.

The company, northern New England's primary landline provider, and unions declined to discuss details until workers are briefed. Pete McLaughlin, chairman of the unions' bargaining committee, says both sides are unhappy with parts of the proposal but he says the outcome of the negotiation is fair to both sides.

FairPoint workers in the three states went on strike in October. The agreement follows more than six weeks of federally mediated negotiations.

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BC-NNE--FairPoint Strike, 1st Ld-Writethru,125
FairPoint workers head back to work after 4-month strike

A FairPoint official says things are running smoothly with workers back on the job in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont.

(LK0225)

More than 1,700 workers returned Wednesday following a four-month strike. Mike Reed, FairPoint's Maine president, called it a "great day first day back to work" in the region.

Supporters held signs saying "Thank You" for returning workers various locations.

The agreement ending the strike contained concessions from both the unions and company.

Under the pact, current employees keep their defined benefit pensions with reduced contributions, and they'll pay less for insurance than was originally proposed. The pact allows the company to hire contractors, but there are restrictions.

Both parties are pleased with the outcome and Reed said the company is eager to build its business.

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*6230 AP-NNE--FairPoint Losses,129
FairPoint blames losses on strike, bad weather

Representatives for FairPoint Communications say a lengthy strike and bad weather caused the company's \$43.6 million in losses in the final three months of 2014.

(LK0304A)

The North Carolina-based company operates the largest landline telephone network in northern New England. It made \$6.1 million in the same quarter in 2013.

The Portland Press Herald (<http://bit.ly/1ElHEOq>) reports a company earnings release says the strike caused a fall in service requests and long wait times for installations. A backlog for connecting new services continued into 2015. Unions representing 1,700 workers in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont went on strike in October. The strike was settled in February and employees returned to work Feb. 25.

Company representatives say FairPoint's annual loss widened from \$93.5 million in 2013 to \$136.3 million in 2014.

Information from: Portsmouth Herald, <http://www.seacoastonline.com>

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BC-VT--Budget-Vermont,117

Vermont governor says budget deficit shrinks slightly

Gov. Peter Shumlin says Vermont's budget deficit projected for the next fiscal year isn't going to be quite as badly as originally forecast.

(LK0112)

Speaking Monday at a breakfast meeting, Shumlin said experts now estimate the shortfall will be about \$93.7 million, down from about \$99.5 million.

Shumlin says state costs have come down about \$5.8 million below the state's November projections in several categories, including debt service, teachers retirement pension and teachers retirement health care.

Finance Commissioner Jim Reardon tells the Burlington Free Press (<http://bfpne.ws/1FMyygH>) it's good news, but "\$94 million is still a lot."

Shumlin is planning to lay out his solution to the shortfall on Thursday during his annual budget address to the Legislature.

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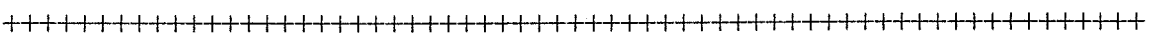
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*6140 AP-VT--Delinquent Taxpayers, 1st Ld-Writethru,130
Vermont releases lists of top delinquent taxpayers

Vermont Tax Commissioner Mary Peterson says that if the state collected all the delinquent taxes owed by the top 100 individuals and business tax debtors it would add \$25 million to state coffers.

(LK0112A)

She made the comments Monday after her department released, in alphabetical order, lists of the top 100 individual and business delinquent taxpayers in the state.

Peterson says the amount owed ranges from less than \$50,000 to more than \$2 million. If the state collected back taxes from all people and businesses, including those not on the list, it would bring in about \$175 million.

Peterson says that advance publicity that the list was going to be released has enabled the state to recover \$730,000 from 131 individuals.

The lists can be found on the tax department website.

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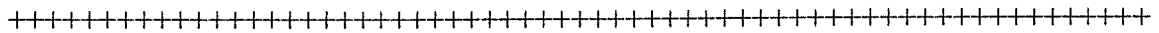
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sugar beverage tax

Mark Johnson [mark@gmavt.net]

Sent: Tuesday, January 13, 2015 11:27 AM

To: News Room

An advocate for a tax on sugar-sweetened beverages says it would improve public health and raise significant money.

MJNEWS0113

A proposal by the alliance for a healthier vermont to tax beverages like coke and pepsi at a rate of 2 cents an ounce would raise approximately 35 million dollars and advocates say, cut the rate of obesity and diabetes they say are associated with too much sugar.

Anthony Iarrapino says the high fructose sugar in many sweetened beverages acts differently than others sugars in fruit drinks and the sugar in sweet foods.

Manufacturers of sugar sweetened beverages says consumers need to be better educated about how much soda to drink and say they are being unfairly singled out under the proposal.

Several key legislators, as well as Governor Shumlin, have spoken against the proposal, saying the state should not create a revenue source that is intended to decline.

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GOVERNOR'S BUDGET ADDRESS PKG
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GOVERNOR PETER SHUMLIN OUTLINED HIS BUDGET PLANS DURING HIS ADDRESS TO THE LEGISLATURE THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

DESPITE PULLING BACK A MONTH AGO ON HIS CALL TO BE THE FIRST STATE IN THE NATION WITH A SINGLE-PAYER SYSTEM, SHUMLIN SAYS HE STILL WANTS TO LEAD VERMONT AWAY FROM A FEE-FOR-SERVICE SYSTEM.

(PS0115C) :17

DESPITE HIS WISHES TO NOT RAISE ANY BROAD-BASED TAXES, GOVERNOR SHUMLIN ALSO IS PROPOSING A PAYROLL TAX DESIGNED TO BOOST PAYMENTS TO HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS WHO PROVIDE SERVICES TO MEDICAID RECIPIENTS.

(PS0115B) :48

BETSY BISHOP OF THE VERMONT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WAS LUKEWARM TO THE PROPOSED NEW PAYROLL TAX.

(BB0115)

HOW TO CONTROL RISING PROPERTY TAXES IS ONE OF THE MAJOR ISSUES PUT ON THE LEGISLATURE IN THIS SESSION.

THE GOVERNOR OFFERED THIS IDEA FOR HOW TO CONTROL EDUCATION COSTS.

(PS0115A) :47

THE GOVERNOR HAS TO DEAL WITH A SEVENTEEN MILLION DOLLAR SHORTFALL IN THE CURRENT YEARS BUDGET, AND A NINETY-THREE MILLION DOLLAR DEFICIT IN THE FISCAL YEAR THAT BEGINS JULY FIRST.

TO HELP WITH THAT, THE GOVERNOR SUGGESTED THE ELIMINATION OF A TAX LOOPHOLE OFTEN USED BY VERMONTERS.

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SHAP ON PAYROLL TAX

LAWMAKERS AT THE STATEHOUSE WERE REACTING TO THE PROPOSALS IN GOVERNOR PETER SHUMLIN'S BUDGET ADDRESS DELIVERED THURSDAY.

HOUSE SPEAKER SHAP SMITH SPOKE WITH MARK JOHNSON ABOUT THE NEW TAX AND THE POSSIBILITY OF INCREMENTAL PAYROLL TAX INCREASES DOWN THE ROAD.

(SHAP0116) :55

HOUSE SPEAKER SHAP SMITH ON THE MARK JOHNSON SHOW, BROADCAST LIVE FROM THE STATEHOUSE THIS MORNING.

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CURRENT USE PROPOSAL

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IN AN EFFORT TO FIND ADDITIONAL REVENUE IN LIGHT OF UPCOMING BUDGET SHORTFALLS, THE SHUMLIN ADMINISTRATION IS PROPOSING A THREE - YEAR MORATORIUM ON NEW PARTICIPANTS IN THE STATE'S 'CURRENT USE' PLAN.

V-T DIGGER REPORTER JOHN HERRICK HAS MORE.

(JH0120) 1:10 Q: YEAR FREEZE

THERE IS MORE ON THIS STORY ONLINE AT V-T DIGGER DOT ORG.

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BC-VT--Vermont-Money Troubles,130
Vermont lawmakers struggle to find budget solutions

Eds: APNewsNow.

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) - Vermont lawmakers are now grappling with a budget gap that grew to \$112 million after a revised revenue forecast came out.

They were already wrestling with a \$94 million gap when they were called on to approve budget cuts and tax increases. The new revenue forecast added \$18 million to the budget hole.

The House Appropriations and Ways and Means committees on Wednesday held an extraordinary joint meeting to compare notes. The Ways and Means Committee writes tax policy, and so raises the state's money. The Appropriations Committee writes the budget, and so decides how to spend it.

Appropriations Committee Chairwoman Mitzi John said the revised revenue forecast is making an already difficult job even more so.

Lawmakers said the situation could mean widespread state employee furloughs or job cuts.

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education

Mark Johnson [mark@gmavt.net]

Sent: Wednesday, March 04, 2015 11:24 AM

To: News Room; Lee Kittell; Jon Noyes

The state's education leader is happy fewer school budgets were defeated but says lawmakers and policy makers need to keep pushing for savings.

MSNEWS0304

Education Secretary Rebecca Holcolme says it's clear there will be significantly fewer budgets defeated this year than the 34 that went down last year in what most agree was a protest by voters over high property taxes.

So far this year, Holcolme says there have been fewer than 15 budgets defeated, but she says it's also important public policy leaders realize the underlying problems still exist.

A bill working its way through the Vermont House would cap school spending and encourage districts to consolidate. Holcolme has been spending months explaining to communities where school population is declining that they will face significant tax increases in the years to come unless they combine with other districts.

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STATE JOB CUTS?

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THE SHUMLIN ADMINISTRATION IS LOOKING AT CUTTING OVER THREE HUNDRED STATE JOBS IN AN EFFORT TO CLOSE THE BUDGET GAP.

V-T DIGGER REPORTER AMY NIXON HAS THE STORY.

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(AMY0312) : ~~1:50~~ Q: BASELINE BUDGETS

THERE IS MORE ON THIS STORY ONLINE AT V-T DIGGER DOT ORG.

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MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) - The Vermont House has advanced legislation to raise \$35 million in new taxes by limiting deductions from the state income tax.

The revenue bill is seen as a key piece of the puzzle - including cuts and the use of one-time money - in which lawmakers are trying to close a projected gap of \$113 million between 2016 revenues and spending demands.

Under the bill, income tax deductions will be capped at 2.5 times the standard deduction.

Progressives and Liberal Democrats had hoped to increase the tax rate paid by Vermont's top wage earners, but that proposal was voted down. As a result the vote on the overall revenue bill turned out to be a close one, as VTDIGGER's Elizabeth Hewitt tells us:

EH0326 q=that was a very tight bill. :30

The revenue bill won preliminary approval on Thursday and will be up for final approval Friday before heading to the Senate.

More on the budget deliberations can be found at VTDIGGER.ORG .

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joel 03/31/15 john hettick vtdigger.org water quality legislaation

THE VERMONT HOUSE IS EXPECTED TO DEBATE WATER QUALITY LEGISLATION THIS WEEK. MUCH OF THE DELIBERATION WILL CENTER AROUND NECESSARY FUNDING, AS VTDIGGER'S JOHN HERRICK REPORTS:

JH0331 :55 q=for ten years

FULL DETAILS ON THIS STORY ARE AT VTDIGGER.ORG .

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Vermont seeks extension of deadline

WATERBURY, Vt. (AP) - Governor Peter Shumlin is asking the Federal Emergency Management Agency for an extension to the deadline to seek a federal disaster declaration for last month's snow storm that caused more than 130,000 power outages.

State officials say they need more time due to the extent of the damage. Shumlin has asked that the deadline be extended to Jan. 28.

Vermont Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security Director Joe Flynn said Friday that officials know that the state total for damage is far greater than the \$1 million required for a declaration. But he says they've found that the damage has been spread over at least 12 of Vermont's 14 counties and inspecting and verifying that damage will take more time.

He says he's confident FEMA will agree.

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Lee Kittell

From: Curtis, Brent <Brent.Curtis@state.vt.us>
Sent: Monday, January 05, 2015 2:41 PM
To: 'George Potter'; Josh Arneson; 'Patrick Merriam'; 'Kathi Apgar'; 'Amy Molina'; Lee Kittell; Howard Curtis; 'Steve Cormier'; 'Stephen Craddock'
Subject: FW: NWS Burlington - Arctic Air and Dangerous Wind Chills This Week - Mon Aftn Update

FYI

From: Scott Whittier - NOAA/NWS BTV Federal [mailto:scott.whittier@noaa.gov]
Sent: Monday, January 05, 2015 2:26 PM
To: _NWS ER BTV Briefing
Subject: NWS Burlington - Arctic Air and Dangerous Wind Chills This Week - Mon Aftn Update

Dear Emergency Managers & others,

*** The information in this email pertains to the following areas only:***
- All of Vermont EXCEPT Bennington & Windham Counties
- New York Counties of: Clinton, Essex, Franklin, St Lawrence

*The first widespread arctic air mass of the 2014-15 winter season is upon us. Very cold temperatures with dangerous wind chills later today through Tuesday morning and **COLDER** Wednesday afternoon through Thursday. In addition some snow and snow squalls possible during the next few days.*

COLD TEMPERATURES

WIND CHILL WARNINGS are in effect from 6 pm this evening through 10 am Tuesday for expected Wind Chill temperatures of -30F and colder.

- **Vermont** - Essex county

WIND CHILL ADVISORIES are in effect from 6 pm this evening through 10 am Tuesday for expected Wind Chill temperatures of -20 to -29F.

- **Vermont** - Caledonia, Orleans, Lamoille and Eastern Franklin counties
- **New York** - Western Clinton and Southern Franklin counties

Click [here](#) for more information, including Map of Minimum Wind Chill Values.

We know that many school districts have *Wind chill temperature (Apparent temperature) criteria around Zero degrees* for determining school recess or other outdoor activities. The following is a quick look for the North Country this week.

Apparent Temperatures (Wind Chill)				
Day	7:00 AM	Noon	3:00 PM	7:00 PM
Monday	-10 to +20F	-15 to +15F	-20 to +10F	-25 to 0F
Tuesday	-30 to -10F	-5 to +10F	0 to +10F	-5 to +10F
Wednesday	-10 to +5F	-15 to +10F	-15 to 0 F	-25 to -10 F
Thursday	-35 to -25F	-20 to -10F	-15 to -5F	-15 to -5F
Friday	-15 to 0F	-5 to +10F	-5 to +10F	-10 to +5F

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*6140 AP-VT--Wind Chill Warning,89

Wind chill could dip to minus 20-40 in parts of Vermont

Eds: APNewsNow.

BURLINGTON, Vt. (AP) - Vermont is entering the deep chill.

The National Weather Service is warning that wind chills could dip to 20 to 40 below zero Wednesday afternoon and into Thursday morning in parts of Vermont.

The forecast calls for temperatures to drop to 25 below zero to 10 above zero. That combined with wind gusts are expected to lead to dangerously cold wind chills as low as minus 40 in the Northeast Kingdom.

Snow is also in the forecast with accumulations of 1 to 3 inches in central and eastern Vermont.

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BC-VT--Winter Weather-Ferry Service, 1st Ld-Writethru,52

Ferry service resumes after high-wind closing

Eds: APNewsNow; updates with service resumed.

CHARLOTTE, Vt. (AP) - The Lake Champlain Transportation Company ferry between Charlotte, Vermont, and Essex, New York, is running again.

The ferry had been closed for a time early Wednesday because of high winds.

It resumed operations about 8 a.m. Wednesday.

The northern crossing between Grand Isle, Vermont, and Cumberland Head, New York, did not close.

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BC-VT--Interstate Crash,127
Tractor trailer hits cruiser and 2 vehicles
Eds: APNewsNow.
MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) -

STATE POLICE SAY A TROOPER RESPONDING TO AN INTERSTATE CRASH NARROWLY AVOIDED GETTING HIT BY AN OUT-OF-CONTROL TRACTOR TRAILER.

(LK0203)

Authorities say a Vermont State Police cruiser and two other vehicles were hit by a tractor trailer that jackknifed in slippery conditions on Interstate 89 in Montpelier, closing the northbound lanes for two hours.

The truck driver was taken to the hospital with back pain.

State police say a trooper responding to a crash was placing roadside flares on the road on Tuesday when he said a tractor trailer approached at a high rate of speed. As the tractor jackknifed the trooper jumped over the guardrail to avoid being hit.

The cruiser, which was parked in the breakdown lane with its emergency lights on, was struck and extensively damaged. The trailer then hit two other vehicles.

Police suspect that speed and road conditions contributed to the crash.

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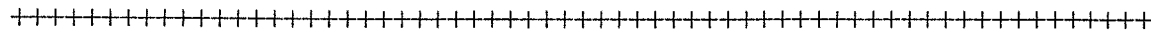
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BC-VT--Disaster Declaration,126

10 Vermont counties declared disaster areas after storms

Eds: APNewsNow.

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) - Ten of Vermont's 14 counties have been declared federal disaster areas, which will help defray the costs of repairing public and utility infrastructure that was damaged or destroyed in the storms that hit the state last month.

The declaration means the affected areas will be eligible for federal reimbursement for up to 75 percent of the costs of storm response and recovery.

More than 130,000 electric customers lost power in the Dec. 9-12 storms in which heavy, wet snow fell across the state. The 10 covered counties suffered nearly \$4-million in damages.

Communities and municipal and cooperative utilities can be reimbursed for expenses such as equipment rentals, fuel, the cost of contractor assistance, employee overtime tied directly to storm response and restoration, and other eligible expenses.

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BC-VT--Winter Weather-Vermont,78
More snow in Vermont, accidents reported
Eds: APNewsNow.

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) - More snow is falling in Vermont, with accumulations expected to get up to 10 to 15 inches in the southern part of the state.

By Monday morning, a number of accidents had been reported, including a multiple vehicle accident on northbound Interstate 89 south of Exit 11 in Richmond. One lane was closed, and police recommended Route 2 North in Waterbury as an alternate route.

The snow was expected to move out of the region by Tuesday morning.

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Radio Vermont News

BC-NY--Missing Snowmobilers,97

Northern NY rescuers seek 2 snowmobilers in bitter cold

Eds: APNewsNow.

FORT COVINGTON, N.Y. (AP) - With wind-chill temperatures hovering around 30 below zero, rescuers are searching the Salmon River near the Canadian border for two missing snowmobilers.

The Plattsburgh Press-Republican reports (<http://bit.ly/1DhHngr>) that the search began around 6 p.m. Sunday in the Franklin County town of Fort Covington. It was suspended overnight and resumed at 8 a.m. Monday.

Franklin County Emergency Services said the Hogansburg-Akwasasne Fire Department is leading the effort with help from the Cold Water Rescue Team from the Fort Covington Fire Department.

The fire department has an ambulance at the staging area so volunteers can warm up periodically.

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Radio Vermont News

MOTORISTS MAD ABOUT TICKETS

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2/18/15

SOME VERMONT MOTORISTS ARE PROTESTING THE TICKETS THEY HAVE RECEIVED FOR SLIDING OFF THE ROADS IN THE WINTRY WEATHER.

WCAXTV'S CAT VIGLIENZONI (VIL' - YEN - ZO' -NEE) HAS MORE.

(CV0218A) 1:00 Q: IN COURT

THERE IS MORE ON THIS STORY AT WCAX DOT COM.

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Radio Vermont News

MTNewsNow 5

BC-VT--Record Cold-Vermont, 115
Streak of below freezing days ends in Vermont
Eds: APNewsNow. Will be expanded.

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) - Sick of the cold yet? Here's why. The temperature stayed below freezing for 43 consecutive days in parts of Vermont up until Wednesday.

That's the second longest streak of below-freezing days for Montpelier and St. Johnsbury.

Last month was the coldest February on record in parts of the state.

Both Montpelier and Rutland recorded the coldest Februaries ever.

The average temperature was 5.1 degrees in Montpelier, when it's typically 19.9 degrees on average. Rutland endured a chilly average of 5.2 degrees when the normal average for February is 20.7 degrees.

The National Weather Service says more seasonal temperatures - in the 20s and 30s - are in the forecast for this weekend and next week.

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Radio Vermont News

EMERGENCY HOUSING FUND DRY

3/17/15

LK / MT

THE COLD WINTER HAS PUT EXTRA PRESSURE ON A STATE-RUN PROGRAM DESIGNED TO PROTECT HOMELESS PEOPLE FROM THE ELEMENTS.

V-T DIGGER REPORTER MORGAN TRUE HAS THE STORY.

(MT0317) 1:27

THERE IS MORE ON THIS STORY ONLINE AT V-T DIGGER DOT ORG.

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