

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Case No. 22-2417-INV

Determination of 2023 Energy Efficiency Charge Rates	
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Order entered: 12/02/2022

**ORDER APPROVING THE CITY OF BURLINGTON ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT'S
ELECTRIC EFFICIENCY CHARGE RATES FOR 2023**

I. INTRODUCTION

In this Order, the Vermont Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) sets the energy efficiency charge (“EEC”) rates to take effect with electric bills rendered on and after February 1, 2023, for customers in the City of Burlington Electric Department’s (“BED”) service territory. As a result of year-over-year collection true-ups and the return of unspent funds from past performance periods, EEC rates for all BED customers will decrease. The 2023 EEC rates by customer class are attached to this Order.

II. Procedural History

On October 13, 2022, BED filed its proposed 2023 EEC rates and supporting spreadsheet.

On October 16, 2022, the Commission issued a request for information and comments addressing BED’s proposal. The Commission requested BED to confirm whether its 2022 and 2023 EEC rate proposals addressed accrued interest on the balance of \$931,050 of unspent funds to be returned to BED customers in 2022, 2023, and 2024.¹ The Commission directed BED to make its filing by October 27, 2022, and directed that any comments should be filed by November 10, 2022.

On October 20, 2022, the Department of Public Service filed comments stating that it has no concerns, comments, or objections to BED’s proposal.

On November 10, 2022, BED filed revised 2023 EEC rates addressing the Hearing Officer’s information request.

¹ *Determination of 2022 Energy Efficiency Charge Rates*, Case No. 21-2701-INV, Order Approving Burlington Electric Department’s Electric Efficiency Charge Rates for 2022, 11/24/21.

On November 14, 2022, BED filed revised 2023 EEC rates correcting an error in the calculation of the flat monthly EEC for net-metered customers without a production meter.

No other comments, questions, or requests for additional process were filed regarding the proposed EEC rates.

III. DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSION

EEC Rates

Commission Rule 5.305 includes a standard formula for calculating BED's EEC rates each year. This formula accounts for under- and over-collections in previous years.² Over-collections in a previous year are credited to customers and reduce the amount that needs to be collected through the EEC in the coming year. Under-collections have the opposite effect. BED used the standard EEC Rule formula and based its calculations on the budgets that were previously established by the Commission in Case No. 19-3272-PET.³ BED's proposal reflects the return of \$310,350 in unspent funds from the 2015-2017 performance period and \$175,221 in unspent funds from the 2018-2020 performance periods, plus a proxy calculation of accrued interest applied to the unspent funds.⁴ The net effect is that the 2023 revenue requirement decreases by approximately \$233,000 relative to 2022 estimated collections, and the EEC rates for all customer classes will be reduced relative to 2022 EEC rates.

We conclude that BED's filing is consistent with the requirements of Commission Rule 5.300 and properly accounts for previous Commission decisions regarding budgets and credits to customers. We therefore approve BED's 2023 EEC rates as proposed. The new EEC rates, listed in Appendix A to this Order, shall be effective with bills rendered on and after February 1, 2023. BED shall provide notice to its customers of the EEC rates pursuant to Commission Rule 5.308(A).

² PUC Rule 5.305(D).

³ For 2023, the Commission approved EEC-funded budgets for BED totaling \$2,691,482. *Petition of Vermont Department of Public Service to initiate an EEU Demand Resource Plan proceeding for the 2021-2023 performance period*, Case No. 19-3272-PET, Order of 8/26/2021.

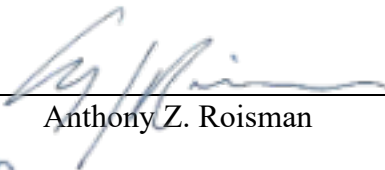
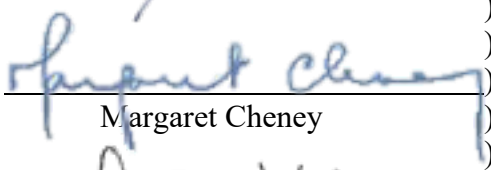
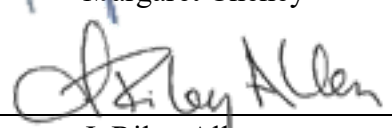
⁴ Case No. 20-2241-PET, Order of 11/13/20, and Case No. 21-1661-PET, Order of 8/31/21. One third of the \$931,050 was credited to BED customers in 2022, one third will be credited in 2023, and the remaining third will be credited in 2024.

This Order is the final judgment regarding the 2023 electric EEC rates for BED customers.⁵

SO ORDERED.

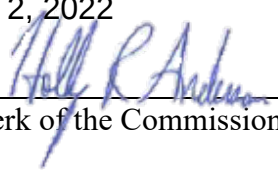
⁵ Commission Rule 2.103 and Vt. R. Civ. P. 54(b).

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 2nd day of December, 2022.

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OFFICE OF THE CLERK

Filed: December 2, 2022

Attest: 
Clerk of the Commission

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Appeal of this decision to the Supreme Court of Vermont must be filed with the Clerk of the Commission within 30 days. Appeal will not stay the effect of this Order, absent further order by this Commission or appropriate action by the Supreme Court of Vermont. Motions for reconsideration or stay, if any, must be filed with the Clerk of the Commission within 28 days of the date of this decision and Order.

Appendix A – 2023 EEC Rates

The 2023 electric EEC rates shall be as follows for Burlington Electric Department customers:

Rates for Customers Without Demand Charges

Residential \$0.00666/kWh

Commercial \$0.00598/kWh

Rates for Customers with Demand Charges

Commercial demand customers \$0.00365/kWh plus
\$0.8912/kW

Industrial demand customers \$0.003046/kWh plus
\$0.7908/kW

Rates for Unmetered Street and Security Light Customers

\$0.00598/kWh times the nominal wattage of the light times 354 hours per month

Monthly Fixed Fees for Net-metered Customers without Production Meters

Residential \$2.83 per month

Commercial \$2.51 per month

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