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Ms. Judith Whitney, Clerk
Vermont Public Service Board
112 State Street
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Re: EEU-2013-01 – Response re Revised TEPF Budgets and Heat Saver Loan Program

Dear Ms. Whitney:

With this letter, the Department of Public Service (“Department”) and Vermont Energy Investment Corporation (“VEIC”) respond to the Order of the Public Service Board dated 10/10/16 in the above-referenced matter on the subject of the allocation of \$200,000 of TEPF funds to the Department’s Heat Saver Loan Program. The Department and VEIC believe they are authorized by 30 V.S.A. § 209(d)(1) to jointly propose, develop, solicit and monitor energy efficiency programs and measures and assert that this proposal regarding the Heat Saver Loan Program is a program that meets this definition.

If the Board’s interpretation of 30 V.S.A. § 209(d)(2)(A) and (B) and 30 V.S.A. § 209(e) is that TEPF funds may only be utilized by entities appointed by the Board, the Department concedes it is not such an entity.

However, if this is the Board’s interpretation, the Department and VEIC request that the Board defer an ultimate decision on the disposition of the \$200,000 of TEPF funds in order to give the Department and VEIC an opportunity to determine if an agreement can be reached in order to facilitate the use of these funds for the Heat Saver Loan Program through development of a new Heat Saver Loan program structure involving VEIC that would satisfy any restrictions imposed by law.

Thank you.

 
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March 31, 2016

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Re: EEU-2013-01 -Department of Public Service Benchmarking Evaluation

Dear Ms. Whitney:

With this letter, the Department of Public Service ("Department") would like to provide an update regarding its plans to conduct a benchmarking evaluation that will compare the performance of Vermont energy efficiency programs conducted by Efficiency Vermont ("EVT") and City of Burlington Electric Department ("BED"), with that of other jurisdictions. The Department's approved 2015-2017 Energy Efficiency Utility ("EEU") Evaluation and Verification Plan included reporting of benchmarking evaluation results at least once in the 2015-2017 performance period, and also expressed an intent to collect data annually throughout the performance period.¹ The Board approved the Department's evaluation plan and required that the Department's annual reporting on EEU evaluation activities include reporting on benchmarking data.² While the Department still intends to conduct a benchmarking evaluation and report the results of the evaluation during the 2015-2017 performance period, due to personnel and resource constraints we have decided not collect and report such data annually. The 2015-2017 performance period benchmarking evaluation is planned to be a single evaluation effort and may analyze more than one program year. The Department plans to report the results of the evaluation in a single reporting event. Thank you.

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¹ DPS 2015-2017 Evaluation and Verification Plan at page 9.

² Board Order of 7/9/14 in EEU-2013-01 at page 52.



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