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MEMO

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TO: Vermont Public Utilities Commission

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RE: Comments from ESA Pilot Program Workshop – Case No.19-0302-INV

CC: Luce Hillman / UVM
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I am the University Engineer at UVM and attended the ESA Pilot Program workshop last week. Thank you for holding this workshop, the meeting format appeared to work well with the question/answer forum. There were a number of items discussed and some questions arose during the session.

I have summarized my comments/questions below:

1. The entire state with the exception of Burlington is open to this pilot, will the program be opened to include BED as UVM has paid in significant funds annually and would like to consider this opportunity?
2. If it is too late to include BED at this time – can a separate duplicate program with the same terms and conditions be created for all Burlington residents?
3. Please confirm how the ESA pilot funds can be used:
 - a. Do funds have to be built up in a reserve fund prior to use in this program?
 - b. To avoid delays in initiating approved projects, can funds that were paid in previously be used at the onset of the pilot program?
4. Can internal staffing costs for: managing the preparation of project proposals, studies, designs, construction, validation, measurement, etc.. be included as a project cost?
5. Confirm that all accounts can be aggregated for the combined EEC to be considered?
6. What is the process for funding transfers from the ESA account? Does the organization complete the project then request reimbursement?
7. Is the existing ESA program still in effect with no cancellation?

Regards



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