

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Case No. 19-0302-INV

Investigation to establish an Energy Savings Account partnership pilot program, establish a methodology for evaluation, measurement, and verification of Self-Managed Energy Efficiency Program and Energy Savings Account projects, and review the Customer Credit Program	
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Order entered: 07/02/2019

PROCEDURAL ORDER ESTABLISHING TRACK TWO SCHEDULE AND NOTICE OF WORKSHOP

As required by Public Act 150,¹ the Vermont Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) opened this investigation to establish an Energy Savings Account (“ESA”) pilot program and a methodology for evaluation, measurement, and verification of Self-Managed Energy Efficiency Program (“SMEEP”) and ESA pilot program projects. In addition, the Commission is reviewing the Customer Credit Program.

The Commission is conducting this investigation in three tracks. Track one established the ESA pilot program, including the criteria for customer selection.² Track two addresses the evaluation, measurement, and verification of ESA and SMEEP measures and projects. Track three will include the review of the Customer Credit Program.

Specifically, track two will include the following issues:

- Establish procedures for savings verification for both SMEEP and ESA projects. (There may be some overlap between SMEEP and the ESA pilot savings verification procedures particularly in respect to the energy productivity programs and measures.)
- Determine if any changes are needed to the cost-based fee charged to SMEEP customers to cover administrative costs, including savings verification incurred by the Commission and the Vermont Department of Public Service (“Department”).
- Address need for any protective orders for confidential information to be shared with the Department, Commission, Efficiency Vermont, and Vermont Gas Systems.
- Discuss cost-effectiveness, evaluation requirements, and process for SMEEP customers to participate in ISO-NE’s forward capacity market.
- Determine methodology for evaluation, measurement, and verification of projects implemented under the ESA pilot, including cost-effectiveness screening that values energy savings across the customer’s energy portfolio and non-energy benefits such as economic development (as required under Act 150). In addition, determine cost-

¹ Public Act No. 150 (2018 Vt. Adj. Sess.).

² *Order Re Energy Savings Account Pilot Program*, Case No. 19-0302-INV, Order of 5/16/19.

effectiveness screening and energy savings for the new measures not currently offered by Efficiency Vermont (i.e., energy productivity measures, demand management, and energy storage). Determine procedures for screening measures for cost-effectiveness.

- Establish guidelines and requirements for annual reports to be jointly developed and submitted by Efficiency Vermont and selected customers beginning on or before November 1, 2020.
- Establish information that needs to be tracked for verification and evaluation, including methodology for the following: job creation and retention; energy savings, total energy cost reductions, energy productivity measures, amount of capital applied and leveraged, greenhouse gas reductions, and any other criteria as defined by the Commission.
- Establish how the effects of the pilot on other ratepayers will be determined and what if any additional information will need to be tracked to make this determination.

Track Two Schedule

To address the above identified issues under track two, I am establishing the following schedule:

July 15, 2019	Deadline for the Department to file draft recommendations regarding track two issues to participants
July 24, 2019	Department conducts meeting with participants to discuss draft recommendations
August 9, 2019	Deadline for the Department to file recommendations regarding track two issues
August 12, 2019	Workshop to discuss recommendations
August 30, 2019	Deadline for comments on recommendations
Week of September 16, 2019	Tentative date for Hearing Officer's proposal for decision regarding track two
Week of October 14, 2019	Tentative date for Commission Order regarding track two

Notice of Workshop

On Monday, August 12, 2019, at 9:30 a.m., the Hearing Officer will convene a workshop to discuss the Department's recommendations for track two. The workshop will be held in the Susan M. Hudson Hearing Room, located on the 3rd floor of the People's United Bank Building, 112 State Street, Montpelier, Vermont. The workshop will be recorded by a court reporter.

SO ORDERED.

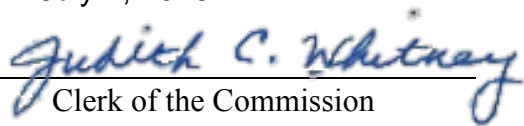
Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, 2nd day of July, 2019



Mary Jo Krolewski
Hearing Officer

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

Filed: July 2, 2019

Attest: 
Clerk of the Commission

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