

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Case No. 19-3272-PET

Petition of Vermont Department of Public)
Service to open a proceeding to initiate an)
EEU Demand Resource Plan proceeding for)
the 2021-2023 performance period)

EFFICIENCY VERMONT MOTION TO AMEND SCHEDULE
RE: REVIEW OF DRP AMENDMENT AND ACT NO. 151 PROGRAMS

Now Comes Efficiency Vermont¹ and requests that the Vermont Public Utility Commission (the “Commission”) amend the schedule adopted by Order of March 9, 2021 for the review of the greenhouse gas emissions reduction programs proposed by Efficiency Vermont pursuant to Act No. 151 (the Act No. 151 Programs”).² Pursuant to this Motion, Efficiency Vermont asks the Commission to streamline the procedures to be employed to review Efficiency Vermont’s Demand Resource Plan (“DRP”) Amendment³ in light of an apparent consensus regarding the design and budget for Efficiency Vermont’s implementation of its proposed Act No. 151 Programs.⁴

¹ Efficiency Vermont is the statewide Energy Efficiency Utility (“EEU”) administered pursuant to an Order of Appointment by the Vermont Energy Investment Corporation (“VEIC”). *See* Case No. 18-2867-INV, *VEIC Order of Appointment*, dated November 26, 2019.

² Act No. 151 refers to An act relating to energy efficiency entities and programs to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the thermal energy and transportation sectors as enacted by the Vermont General Assembly and signed into law on September 23, 2020.

³ Efficiency Vermont’s DRP Amendment and supporting testimonies and exhibits was filed with the Commission on February 12, 2021 in this proceeding.

⁴ Efficiency Vermont has informed the Department of Public Service that it has no information requests concerning the testimonies it filed March 31, 2021.

Pursuant to this Motion Efficiency Vermont proposes that the Commission replace the existing schedule with one that provide two tracks for the completion of proceeding in this case. If all parties were to agree that a hearing is not necessary, and that the prefiled testimonies and exhibit could be admitted into the record, Efficiency Vermont proposes that the Commission adopt the following schedule:

Date	Activity
April 9, 2021	Efficiency Vermont files Motion to Amend Schedule
April 16, 2021	Efficiency Vermont files: (i) Proposal for Decision; (ii) Waiver of Opportunity for Hearing and Consent to Admission of prefiled testimony and exhibits; and (iii) Waiver of Opportunity to Comment on Hearing Officer Proposal for Decision
April 23, 2021	Commission serves Information Requests (if any)
April 30, 2021	Parties file: (i) Response to Efficiency Vermont Submission; (ii) Waiver of opportunity for Hearing and Consent to Admission of prefiled testimony and exhibits; and (iii) Waiver of Opportunity to Comment on Hearing Officer Proposal for Decision
May 7, 2021	Responses to Commission Information Requests (if any)
May 14, 2021	Target Date for Commission Order

Please note that this schedule provides for the resolution of any questions raised by the Commission via the filing of written information requests and responses. It also provides for the establishment of an evidentiary record through the submission of consents and waivers that provide for the entry into the record of the prefiled testimonies and exhibits of all parties.

To the extent that the Commission or a party maintains that a hearing is appropriate in connection with the Commission’s review, Efficiency Vermont proposes that the Commission adopt the following schedule:

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April 30, 2021	Parties file response to Efficiency Vermont Submission and Request for Hearing
May 7, 2021	Hearing
May 14, 2021	Parties Submit Post Hearing Briefs (if any)
May 28, 2021	Target Date for Commission Order

This schedule would provide for a hearing but limit proceedings by recognizing that the parties have reached an apparent consensus on the resolution of the issues concerning Efficiency Vermont’s proposed DRP Amendment. The need for a hearing could be determined based upon the filings to be submitted by parties on or before April 30th as proposed pursuant to this Motion.

In support of this Motion Efficiency Vermont asks the Commission to consider that the authorization for energy efficiency charge (“EEC”) funded greenhouse gas emissions reduction activities by EEU’s in the transportation and thermal energy sectors is time-limited under Act No. 151. Specifically, the authorization only impacts the current 2021-2023 DRP performance period. Accordingly, given the absence of disagreement over the core elements of Efficiency

Vermont's proposed Act No. 151 Program initiatives, Efficiency Vermont contends that good cause exists for the adoption of the schedule proposed in this Motion.

DATED at WINOOSKI, VERMONT this 9th day of April 2021.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
EFFICIENCY VERMONT

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