

STATE OF VERMONT  
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Case No. 23-1870-PET

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Petition of City of Burlington Electric Department to transfer Thermal Energy & Process Fuel funds for use in its District Energy System support program	
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Order entered: 08/01/2023

**PROCEDURAL ORDER REQUESTING INFORMATION AND COMMENTS**

This case involves a petition filed by the City of Burlington Electric Department (“BED”) to transfer funds within its Demand Resources Plan budget categories.

On June 2, 2023, the BED filed a petition with the Vermont Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) pursuant to Section III.3 of BED’s Order of Appointment requesting approval of an intra-program transfer of \$500,000 from funds budgeted for BED’s traditional thermal-energy-and-process-fuels (“TEPF”) programs to its District Energy System (“DES”) support program. In its petition, BED states the DES project is very near completion and requires additional design and engineering work prior to finalizing the design and routing of the project. BED also states it has overspent the DES budget by \$20,014.00.

On June 9, 2023, I issued a procedural order requesting comments on BED’s petition.

On July 3, 2023, the Department of Public Service (“Department”) filed comments and requested additional information from BED on five topics. First, that BED confirm its progress towards satisfying TEPF MPR #3 is 15% of the minimum requirement for the performance period as of the end of the first quarter of 2023 and explain how BED may (or may not) meet TEPF MPR #3 by the end of the 2021-2023 performance period. Second, the Department requests additional information on the proposed amounts to be transferred to DES, from which category (e.g., traditional weatherization and VERMOD programs), and the vintage of the funds. The Department also requests an accounting of how BED has covered the cost overrun.<sup>1</sup> Third, the Department requests BED to provide an accounting of contributions from other DES project partners received to-date and a projection of where additional funding for any additional engineering/design costs needed to bring feasibility to completion will be sourced. Fourth, the

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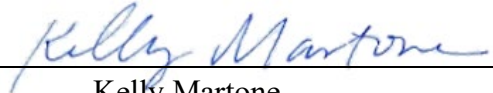
<sup>1</sup> Petition at 3.

Department requests that BED identify the amount due from DES invoices received to date, but not paid. Fifth, the Department requests BED to confirm it does not anticipate using TEPF funding to support the DES project beyond 2023, and if not confirmed provide additional information explaining why it must.

The Commission directs BED respond to the Department's information requests by August 11, 2023. Any comments on BED's responses, and any requests for additional process, should be filed by August 21, 2023.

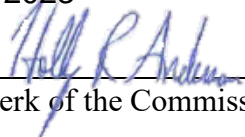
**SO ORDERED.**

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 1st day of August, 2023.

  
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Kelly Martone  
Hearing Officer

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

Filed: August 1, 2023

Attest:   
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Clerk of the Commission

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