

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Case No. 23-2221-INV

Investigation into the Clean Heat Standard Default Delivery Agents Costs and Quantities	
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VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE
UPDATE REGARDING
THERMAL SECTOR CARBON REDUCTION POTENTIAL STUDY

On June 30, 2023, the Vermont Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) issued an “Order Opening Investigation,” pursuant to Act 18 of 2023 (“Affordable Heat Act”). Section 8125(e)(1)(A) of the Affordable Heat Act requires the Vermont Department of Public Service (“Department”) to conduct a potential study, and for it to be completed no later than September 1, 2024:

(A) a potential study conducted by the Department of Public Service, the first of which shall be completed not later than September 1, 2024, to include an assessment and quantification of technically available, maximum achievable, and program achievable thermal resources. The results shall include a comparison to the legal obligations of the thermal sector portion of the requirements of 10 V.S.A. § 578(a)(2) and (3). The potential study shall consider and evaluate market conditions for delivery of clean heat measures within the State, including an assessment of workforce characteristics capable of meeting consumer demand and meeting the obligations of 10 V.S.A. § 578(a)(2) and (3).¹

With this filing, the Department updates the Commission and interested stakeholders that it has posted a Request for Proposals (“RFP”), *Assessment of Thermal Sector Carbon Reduction Potential in Vermont*, on the Department website² and on the Vermont Department of Economic Development Bid System website.³

As specified in the RFP, proposals are due to the Department by September 21, 2023, with the goal of selecting a contractor by October 5, 2023.

¹ Vt. Stat. Ann. tit. 30, § 8125(e)(1)(A).

² [Request for Proposals to Conduct a Thermal Sector Potential Study | Department of Public Service \(vermont.gov\)](#).

³ [Vermont Business Registry and Bid System - Bid Detail](#).

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