

STATE OF VERMONT  
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Case No. 24-1493-PET

Efficiency Vermont request for a proceeding )  
to review the effects of unanticipated Energy )  
Efficiency Utility funding on quantifiable )  
performance indicators, fees, and services, )  
including the 2024-2026 Demand Resources )  
Plan )

Case No. 22-2954-PET

Petition of the Department of Public Service )  
to open a proceeding to initiate EEU Demand )  
Resources Plan proceeding for the 2024-2026 )  
and 2027-2029 performance periods )

PROPOSED SCHEDULE

On May 1, 2024, Efficiency Vermont filed its *Notice of Unanticipated Energy Efficiency Utility Funding and Request to Schedule the Review of Additional Demand Resources Plan Amendments* with the Public Utility Commission (the “Commission”) and parties in Case No. 22-2954-PET, the Commission’s 2024-2026 Demand Resource Plan Proceeding (the “DRRP”). On May 14, 2024, the Commission opened Case No. 24-1493-PET to “address the motion and appointed Mary Jo Krolewski as hearing officer.”<sup>1</sup> By Order of June 12, 2024 in this investigation, the Commission approved Efficiency Vermont’s request to manage separately the activities supported by the unanticipated funding from those activities supported by the energy efficiency charge (“EEC”) or TEPF budgets. That Order also called on Efficiency Vermont to submit a proposed schedule for the second step of this proceeding that includes the review of the effects of American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA”) funding on Efficiency Vermont’s quantifiable

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<sup>1</sup> Case No. 24-1493-PET, Order of 05/14/2024 at 1.

performance indicators (“QPIs”), fees, and services and allows for Efficiency Vermont and the Vermont Department of Public Service (the “Department” or “DPS”) to identify proposed amendments to the thermal-energy-and-process-fuels (“TEPF”) services, budgets, and goals in Efficiency Vermont’s Demand Resources Plan (the “DRP”) for the 2024-2026 performance period. This proposed schedule is filed in accordance with the Commission’s Order and also identifies all other amendments to its 2024-2026 DRP that Efficiency Vermont believes should be considered at this time.<sup>2</sup> For this reason, the proposed schedule is also filed in the DRPP.

Efficiency Vermont is preparing a proposed amendment to its approved 2024-2026 DRP (the “DRP Amendment #2”). DRP Amendment #2 addresses the following matters:

1. proposed changes to the TEPF funding forecast, modeling results and performance metrics;
2. an update on the development of revisions to the new construction program scope; and
3. an update on the impact of the Energy Savings Account program.

To the extent that Efficiency Vermont, the Department and other stakeholders are able to achieve consensus on the scope and terms of a proposed amendment as it relates to all or some of these matters, Efficiency Vermont seeks an expedited review process so that the consensus amendments can go into effect as approved. To the extent that the parties maintain independent positions on any matters raised by a proposed amendment, Efficiency Vermont recommends that

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<sup>2</sup> Please note that some of the matters described in Efficiency Vermont’s proposed schedule address issues unrelated to its receipt of ARPA funding. Consistent with Efficiency Vermont’s initial Motion as filed in Case No. 22-2954-PET, these additional issues relate to proposed DRP amendments that have been discussed in the DRPP. However, since these issues, like those related to the receipt of ARPA funding, will require rerunning the DRP model and updating associated QPIs, Efficiency Vermont in consultation with the DPS recommends that all of the amendments be addressed at the same time as contemplated in its Motion in this investigation. In the alternative, the Commission could consider consolidating this investigation and the DRPP so that all matters proposed in the amendments may be addressed in an administratively efficient and reasonable manner that provides for review of the impact of all aspects of the proposed DRP amendments at the same time and with the same presentation of supporting materials including an updated DRP Model.

they be afforded the opportunity to propose a schedule for the Commission’s resolution of any dispute when the identity and scope of the open issues has been identified. Given the impact of proposed DRP Amendment #2 on Efficiency Vermont’s program implementation plans, the proposed schedule also provides for an enlargement in the time to file the next Triennial plan annual update.

Based on discussions with representatives of the Department, Efficiency Vermont proposes the following schedule for the review of DRP Amendment #2 in this investigation:

September 13, 2024	Efficiency Vermont files proposed DRP Amendment #2 and supporting materials including notice of the consensus and non-consensus elements
September 20, 2024	Efficiency Vermont files proposed schedule for review of non-consensus DRP Amendment #2 elements
October 4, 2024	Parties file comments on proposed schedule for review of non-consensus DRP Amendment #2 elements
October 4, 2024	Parties file comments on consensus DRP Amendment #2 elements
October 18, 2024	Parties file reply to comments on consensus DRP Amendment #2 elements
December 1, 2024	Target Date for Order on DRP Amendment #2 consensus elements
January 17, 2025	Due Date for Triennial plan - annual update (60 days after Amendment #2 Order )

Efficiency Vermont is hopeful that many of the elements of proposed DRP Amendment #2 can be developed in a manner that promotes consensus-building. Where consensus is achieved, Efficiency Vermont will endeavor to provide supporting material to enable review by the Commission in time for implementation beginning as of January 1, 2025. Efficiency

Vermont will also work to narrow issues associated with DRP Amendment #2 and to facilitate an expedient process for the Commission to resolve any remaining issues associated with non-consensus elements.

An advance copy of this submission was shared with the DPS.

Should you have questions concerning this proposed schedule, please do not hesitate to contact us.

DATED at WINOOSKI, VERMONT this 12<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2024.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,  
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