

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Case No. 24-2317-INV

Investigation of the Energy Savings Account and Customer Credit programs pursuant to 30 V.S.A. 209(d)(3)(C)	
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Order entered: 09/20/2024

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

This case involves an investigation of the Vermont Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) concerning the Energy Savings Account (“ESA”) program and the Customer Credit Program (“CCP”) to implement changes to 30 V.S.A. 209(d)(3)(C) pursuant to Public Act 142 of the 2024 Vermont legislative session.

On August 22, 2024, the Vermont Department of Public Service (“Department”) filed a proposal for program design changes for the ESA program and CCP (“Proposal”).

On September 11, 2024, the Vermont Ski Area Association filed a public comment in this case regarding the Department’s Proposal.

On September 12, 2024, Efficiency Vermont, Smurfit Westrock, and Chroma Technology Corp (“Chroma”) filed comments on the Department’s Proposal.

On September 13, 2024, Associated Industries of Vermont filed a public comment in support of the recommendations made by Smurfit Westrock and Chroma.

Reply comments are due to be filed by October 17, 2024, as provided in the schedule in this proceeding. By the same date, parties are also requested to respond to the following requests for information regarding the Department’s Proposal.

For the Department:

1. Page 4 of the Proposal describes Energy Management Plans (“EMP”).
 - a. Should an EMP be required only if an ESA participant intends to implement non-electric efficiency measures?
 - b. The Department proposes that the ESA participants file the EMPs with the Commission. Given that Commission approval is not required, is this a necessary step? If yes, should EMPs be filed as reports in ePUC?

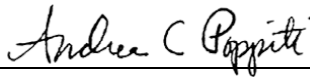
2. Page 7 states that “funds must be obligated to receive an extension.” Please define obligated.
3. Pages 7-8 address the application process and enrollment periods.
 - a. Please provide additional details on the proposed application process.
 - b. Should the application process be based on the request for proposals process that was implemented for the Energy Savings Account partnership pilot program?
 - c. Should the Department receive and process applications and then make recommendations to the Commission?
 - d. Please provide a more detailed timeline with actual dates for the application process and enrollment periods.
4. Page 8 states that “the Commission may want to consider automatic approval of existing ESA pilot participants into the new program with a simplified application . . .” Please describe how the simplified application process might differ from the standard application process.
5. The Commission’s guiding document for the existing ESA program can be found at https://puc.vermont.gov/sites/psbnew/files/doc_library/ESA_Account-Implementation-rev12.26.17-FINAL.pdf. Should the Commission include any language from that document in the final revised ESA program design?
6. The Commission’s guiding document for the existing CCP can be found at https://puc.vermont.gov/sites/psbnew/files/doc_library/EEU-2012-01-attachment-08.24.12.pdf. Should the Commission include any language from that document in the final revised CCP program design?

For the Department and Efficiency Vermont

7. Please address whether any changes are recommended to the Process and Administration of an Energy Efficiency Utility Order of Appointment document (the “Process and Administration document”) or any of the Energy Efficiency Utilities (“EEUs”) Orders of Appointments to reflect revisions to the ESA and CCP programs required by Act 142. The Process and Administration document and EEUs Orders of Appointment are currently under review in Case No. 22-1647-PET.

SO ORDERED.

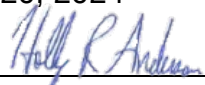
Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 20th day of September, 2024.



Andrea C. Poppiti
Hearing Officer

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

Filed: September 20, 2024

Attest: 
Clerk of the Commission

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