



**State of Vermont
Public Utility Commission**

MEMORANDUM

To: Participants in Commission Case Number 25-0443-INV
From: Jake Marren, Esq. *JM*
Re: Request for Comments
Date: July 31, 2025

On July 16, 2025, the Vermont Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) conducted a workshop regarding an investigation pursuant to Act 142 of 2024 into the creation of a statewide program to reduce energy burden. The Commission seeks stakeholder input on the following questions by **August 29, 2025**.

(1) Act 142 directs the Commission to “make a determination as to whether a statewide program to reduce energy burden is needed in Vermont.” The Commission requests input from all stakeholders addressing this question with respect to: (a) a statewide program to assist customers with low-income with their electric utility bills, and (b) a statewide program designed to reduce transportation, thermal, and/or electric energy costs for low- and moderate-income households through investments in efficiency or electrification measures.

(2) Please provide recommendations as to how existing programs may be better coordinated to ensure low- and moderate-income Vermonters are reducing their total energy consumption and/or costs.

(3) Please identify any obstacles and recommended solutions for increasing coordination across electric, thermal, and transportation energy cost reduction programs, including through the sharing of best practices and program design and implementation successes.

(4) If a statewide program is recommended, please:

- a. Explain whether existing programs should continue to operate and align with a new statewide energy cost stabilization program or whether existing programs should cease operations.
- b. Identify the most appropriate financing mechanism for a statewide energy cost stabilization program.
- c. Describe any recommended eligibility requirements for a statewide energy cost stabilization program.

- d. Suggest and describe a process for making and monitoring eligibility determinations for a statewide energy cost stabilization program.

(5) Stakeholders may provide information or data to support or challenge the assumption in Act 142 that “electric costs might rise but that total energy costs are expected to decrease because of increased electrification, efficiency, storage, and demand response activities.”

(6) Stakeholders may also provide written comments responding to any other issues raised at the workshop or relevant to the Commission’s report pursuant to Act 142.

(7) Finally, if stakeholders wish to have further workshops in this proceeding, please make specific proposals to the Commission regarding the topics to be discussed.

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