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**State of Vermont
Public Utility Commission**

MEMORANDUM

To: Participants in Commission Case No. 25-1094-INV, Investigation to update & improve EEU and RES Tier III Programs¹

From: Holly R. Anderson, Clerk of the Commission 

Re: Notice of Workshop and Agenda

Date: September 12, 2025

The Vermont Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) will convene an in-person workshop in this proceeding on October 6, 2025, from 1 P.M. to 4 P.M. to discuss the topic of coordination between the Energy Efficiency Utilities (“EEUs”), the distribution utilities (“DUs”), and the Community Action Agencies that implement Vermont’s Weatherization Assistance Program. The Commission will also discuss other potential workshop topics for this proceeding. The workshop will be held in person in the Commission’s hearing room at 112 State Street, 3rd floor, Montpelier, Vermont and will be open to the public.

The following agenda outlines information that the Commission would like the EEUs, DUs, and Community Action Agencies to present on and be prepared to discuss. The Commission directs the DUs to coordinate amongst themselves and the EEUs to coordinate amongst themselves to develop presentations regarding the topic of coordination, as outlined in Section II of the agenda below. The Commission recognizes that many stakeholders may have recently filed comments regarding the topic of coordination in Commission Case No. 25-0443-INV (Investigation pursuant to Act 142 of 2024 into creation of a statewide program to reduce energy burden). To the extent those comments address the questions outlined below, this workshop will serve as an opportunity to potentially expand upon and discuss those comments.

The Commission has prepared the following agenda for the workshop:

- I. Welcome and Framing (Commission)
 - a. Purpose of the investigation
 - b. Purpose of today’s workshop

¹ This notice of workshop and agenda is also being issued in Case No. 25-0443-INV. Participants in that proceeding are encouraged to attend this workshop.

II. Information Gathering - Coordination of Delivery

- a. Presentation on the Community Action Agencies' low-income weatherization and affordable housing programs. How do they work? What do they offer? How many customers with low income are served annually? What do these programs need to succeed? How do they coordinate with the EEUs and the DUs in providing services to customers with low income? (Community Action Agency-led, Dwight Decoster of CVOEO)
- b. Presentation to share how the EEUs currently coordinate with low-income weatherization programs; entities that fund and support affordable housing; the DUs, in particular the DUs' RES Tier III programs; and other energy efficiency programs delivered locally or regionally within the State. (EEU-led)²
- c. Presentation to share how the DUs currently coordinate with low-income weatherization programs; entities that fund and support affordable housing; and other energy efficiency programs delivered locally or regionally within the State, with particular focus on how the DUs' RES Tier III programs coordinate with the EEUs. (DU-led)³

III. Facilitated Discussion Questions (All participants)

- a. Are there areas of coordination that were not identified in the presentations? If so, what are they?
- b. Are current coordination efforts working? Are customers, especially those with low income, receiving the services, measures, and incentives they are eligible for?
- c. To what extent does the current level of coordination among programs affect a typical customer's ability to understand and access the services, measures, and incentives available to them?
- d. What, if any, barriers exist to coordination? How could coordination efforts be improved/increased to better serve customers, especially those with low income?
- e. Are there existing coordination efforts that feel inefficient or redundant? Are there instances in which services, measures, and incentives that are currently provided through coordinated efforts could be delivered more efficiently if just one entity was involved?

IV. Next Steps and Closing

- a. Identify action items (if any)

² See 30 V.S.A. § 209(f)(5) and Section V.10.B and V.10.D of the Process and Administration document (requiring coordination between the EEUs and low-income weatherization programs).

³ See 30 V.S.A. § 8005(a)(3)(F)(vii) and Commission Rule 4.414(a) (requiring coordination between the DU and EEU Tier III programs).

- i. Discuss opportunity for follow-up comments on workshop
- b. Identify next workshop topic(s), which may include:
 - i. Variability in measure offerings and incentives
 - ii. Stacking of incentives (*i.e.*, multiple incentives from different entities or programs offered for the same measure)
 - iii. Equitable distribution of program benefits
 - iv. Suggestions from stakeholders on additional topics to address in this proceeding

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