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Ms. Holly Anderson, Clerk
Vermont Public Utility Commission

Re: Case No. 25-0443-INV --Response to Commission Requests July 31, 2025; Answers to the Commission's Questions at the Workshop

Dear Ms. Anderson:

My name is Beth Sachs. I have worked in the areas of sustainable energy, energy efficiency and energy policy for more than 40 years. I co-founded the Vermont Energy Investment Corporation in 1986 and then co-created Vermont's energy efficiency utility - Efficiency Vermont - in 2000. Throughout my many years doing this work, I have been committed to equity in these programs, ensuring that low-income people and underserved communities get what they need.

I'm writing to request that the Commission hold a second workshop on electric ratepayer protection to allow people impacted by electricity costs and disconnections to share their experiences. As stated in Act 142, Section 21a: "In conducting the study required by this section, the Commission shall seek input from interested stakeholders, including [...] residential customers, low-income program representatives, consumer-assistance program representatives, statewide environmental organizations, environmental justice entities, at least one low-income cost reduction program participant, at least one moderate income cost reduction program participant, and any other stakeholders identified by the Commission."

The value of gathering this input and hearing the stories about the trade-offs that low-income households have to make on a regular basis - juggling heat, electricity, food, housing, child care, medicine and more - will greatly help enable the Commission to develop fair and equitable policies and rates. There are many ways that the Commission can increase the participation of those whose voices need to be heard, such as transportation, food, translation services, and child care at the workshop(s), and making sure that the materials used are accessible to the participants.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,
Beth Sachs

