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Determination of 2022 Energy Efficiency Charge Rates	
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THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE’S QUESTIONS ON EFFICIENCY VERMONT PROPOSED 2021 ENERGY EFFICIENCY CHARGE RATES

On September 4, 2020, Efficiency Vermont (“EVT”) filed a proposed alternative methodology for calculating 2021 Energy Efficiency Charge (“EEC”) rates. Pursuant to the Public Utility Commission’s (“PUC” or “Commission”) Rule 5.306 (B) questions about proposed alternative methodologies shall be filed by September 15th and comments by September 30th. The Department of Public Service (“Department”) provides the following questions to Efficiency Vermont regarding the proposed alternative calculation method.

1. Efficiency Vermont’s proposal creates a cross subsidy, where the residential sector spending will be significantly lower than collections. Please explain why this is appropriate.
2. As discussed at the Commission’s status conference on September 11, 2020, there are many challenges associated with developing a reasonable load forecast.
 - a. Since the status conference has Efficiency Vermont compared its sales forecast to any other forecasts that take COVID-19 loads into consideration? If yes, what is the source of the sales forecasts that Efficiency Vermont has reviewed?

- b. Based upon the review of any alternative sales forecasts Efficiency Vermont reviewed, does Efficiency Vermont recommend any changes to the sales forecast it proposed in its alternative methodology? If yes, please provide a summary of the recommended changes as well as a summary of the revised EEC rate changes (including with any sensitivities that may have been modeled, see follow-up question 3).
3. Has Efficiency Vermont run any sensitivities on its revenue forecast or any alternative revenue forecasts it may have identified in question 2.b? If yes, please provide a summary the results and the associated back-up files.
- a. If all rates were held flat (i.e. no 1.63% increase), how much revenue would be forecasted to be under-collected under Efficiency Vermont's sales forecast?

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont this 15th day of September, 2020.

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