

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Case No. 22-2954-PET

Petition of the Department of Public Service to open an energy efficiency utility Demand Resources Plan proceeding for the 2024-2026 and 2027-2029 performance periods	
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Order entered: 02/07/2023

COMMISSION FIRST-ROUND INFORMATION REQUESTS

This case concerns the petition of the Department of Public Service to open an energy efficiency utility Demand Resources Plan (“DRP”) proceeding. Vermont Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) staff have reviewed the evidence filed to date and request that the parties respond to the following information requests by no later than February 22, 2023.

Efficiency Vermont

1. When was the last time that Efficiency Vermont or the Technical Advisory Group reviewed the freeridership assumption in the heat pump measure characterization in the Technical Reference Manual? Please state when this measure is next scheduled to be reviewed. If the current freeridership assumption were deemed to be low compared to what is used in other states in the region, how would that affect Efficiency Vermont’s DRP proposal in terms of both savings and budgets?
2. Please clarify whether Efficiency Vermont has included a budget for the Energy Savings Account Pilot program, and whether and how that aligns with the statutory term of the current pilot program.

Burlington Electric Department (“BED”)

3. It appears that BED is seeking to increase the energy-efficiency-charge-funded budget by 38% from the previously approved 2024-2026 budget. Please confirm this understanding and provide testimony describing the reasons for this substantial change.
4. In Case No. 21-1500-PET, the Commission concluded “that BED’s next demand resources plan should identify the actions that BED will take to maximize low-

- income customer participation in BED’s programs and services.” Please explain whether and how this has been addressed.
5. In Case No. 21-1500-PET, the Commission encouraged BED “to consider separating the savings and budgets for large projects as it prepares its next demand resources plan.” Please explain whether and how this has been addressed.

Vermont Gas Systems, Inc. (“VGS”)

6. Please explain why VGS proposes to move its Fiscal Agent costs from the “other” budget to Development and Support Services.
7. Pursuant to Section II.3.E. of the Process and Administration document, please provide testimony and other evidence as appropriate addressing: (1) an estimate of the cost of energy saved compared to other jurisdictions, and (2) an estimate of rate and bill impacts and total benefits to Vermonters as a result of the proposal. If VGS has already provided these items, please indicate where in the record they are located.
8. Please provide testimony addressing whether and how VGS’s proposed budgets for 2024-2026 have changed relative to the budgets that were approved in Case No. 19-3272-PET. Please describe the reasoning for any budget increases or decreases to those previously approved.

SO ORDERED.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 7th day of February, 2023.



Thomas Knauer
Hearing Officer

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

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Attest: Pamela Lenahan
Deputy Clerk of the Commission

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