



Champlain Community Services Inc.

June 21, 2023

Ms. Holly Anderson, Clerk
Vermont Public Utility Commission
112 State Street
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Montpelier, Vermont 05620-2701

Re: Case No. 22-2954-PET – Elizabeth Sightler, Champlain Community Services comments on equity and electric system benefits within Efficiency Vermont’s 2024-2026 Demand Resources Plan Update Proposal

Dear Clerk Anderson,

We understand that issues of electric system benefits are being discussed in this proceeding and are writing to offer our perspective.

Champlain Community Services has a long history of working to support Vermonters with intellectual disabilities and autism. We take a personalized approach and offer a broad range of services to support our clients in reaching their goals and dreams. We know firsthand how important it is to have flexibility in how you measure the impact and results of funding.

While we agree that it is important for Efficiency Vermont to place a continued focus on delivering electric systems benefits, we are concerned that if this is the only consideration from regulators it will hurt Efficiency Vermont’s ability to continue working with us to meet the needs of our clients.

Our service users have historically faced many challenges in accessing Efficiency Vermont services, but we have recently begun working together to address them. This includes collaborating outreach and educational events, exploring ways to partner on workforce development efforts, and examining how to improve Efficiency Vermont’s service delivery models to better reach our customers. It’s our perspective that these benefits are also important measures of success.

The work we have done and continue to do with Efficiency Vermont may not yield large electric savings, but it is critical to ensuring that our clients – who pay the Energy Efficiency Charge – all have the opportunity to benefit from energy efficiency programs.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide comments in this proceeding and will be happy to provide further information if needed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "ES" or "Elizabeth Sightler", written in a cursive style.

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