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State of Vermont Public Utility Commission

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION SEEKS APPLICANTS FOR EQUITY ADVISORY GROUP

The Vermont Public Utility Commission is seeking applications from individuals who wish to join an advisory group that will play a pivotal role in shaping the potential Clean Heat Standard for Vermont's thermal sector. We invite you to become a part of this important initiative.

What Role Does the Equity Advisory Group Play?

The Equity Advisory Group will assist the Commission in ensuring an equitable share of clean heat measures is delivered to low- and moderate-income Vermonters and that heating fuel remains affordable for people who cannot immediately install such measures. Along with the separate Technical Advisory Group, this is one of two groups that will play advisory roles in the development of the Clean Heat Standard.

Who We're Looking For:

The advisory group will be comprised of up to 10 members, each representing a stakeholder group or groups. The group will need representation from renters, rental property owners, and individuals with socioeconomically, racially, and geographically diverse backgrounds. The members will also need to include representatives from the following agencies and organizations: a community action agency with expertise in low-income weatherization, a community action agency with expertise in serving residents of manufactured homes, Efficiency Vermont, the Vermont Association of Area Agencies on Aging, the Vermont Housing Finance Agency, the Vermont Fuel Dealers Association, the Department of Public Service, and the Department for Children and Families' Office of Economic Opportunity. The specific entities and state agencies identified as required members of this group are requested to respond to this solicitation.

What to Expect?

The full scope of the Equity Advisory Group can be found at 30 V.S.A. § 8129 and Section 6(k) of Public Act No. 18 (2023 Vt., Bien. Sess.). The term of service will be approximately two years. Applicants should expect that monthly meetings will be necessary in the first year. The exact meeting schedule, frequency, and procedures of the group will be determined once the group is formed. Because of the unique representation of each member, attendance by all group members at the meetings will be crucial.

Compensation: Members not otherwise compensated by their employer are eligible for per diem compensation and expense reimbursement as per 32 V.S.A. § 1010(b).

Why Should You Apply?

Help shape Vermont's energy policy: As a member of the Equity Advisory Group, you will actively participate in the development of Vermont's Clean Heat Standard, offering your unique perspective on how to equitably design and implement this new policy aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions from the thermal sector.

How to Apply:

- Write a letter of interest expressing your desire to join the Equity Advisory Group.
- Specify which group(s)/interests you will represent and your qualifications to represent those group(s).
- Explain your motivation for wanting to serve on the Equity Advisory Group.

Please submit your letter of interest via email puc.businessmanager@vermont.gov.

Please also submit your letter via mail to the PUC Business Manager, 112 State Street, 4th Floor, Montpelier, VT 05620-2701.

The application Deadline is **October 9, 2023**

For more information about the Equity Advisory Group and its role in shaping Vermont's Clean Heat Standard, please refer to the bill as enacted, available at this link:

<https://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2024/S.5>.