

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Case No. 23-2220-RULE

Proceeding to design the potential Clean Heat Standard	
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Order entered: 10/23/2023

ORDER SEEKING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ANNUAL REGISTRATION FORM

I. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

In Public Act 18 (2023 Vt., Bien. Sess.) (“Act 18”), the Vermont Legislature directed the Vermont Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) to undertake the design of the proposed Clean Heat Standard and to present a proposed rule to the Legislature in 2025. Pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 8124(b)(1), each entity that sells heating fuel into or in Vermont must register annually with the Commission. The first registration deadline is January 31, 2024.

The Commission is required to create a registration form to gather all data necessary to determine whether a registering entity would be an obligated party under the potential Clean Heat Standard.¹ The registration form will also be used to determine an obligated party’s annual clean heat credit requirement.

Section 8124(b)(2) requires the form to contain at least the following information:

At a minimum, the Commission shall require registration information to include legal name; doing business as name, if applicable; municipality; state; types of heating fuel sold; and the exact amount of gallons of each type of heating fuels sold into or in the State for final sale or consumption in the State in the calendar year immediately preceding the calendar year in which the entity is registering with the Commission, separated by type, that was purchased by the submitting entity and the name and location of the entity from which it was purchased.

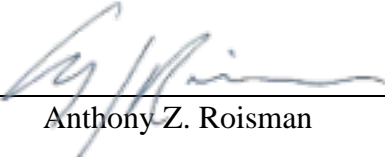
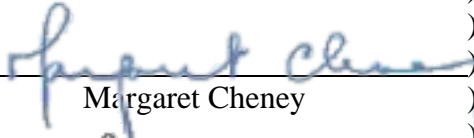
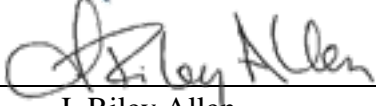
¹ Obligated parties are defined in 30 V.S.A. § 8123(12) as “A regulated natural gas utility serving customers in Vermont [or,] [f]or other heating fuels, the entity that imports heating fuel for ultimate consumption within the State, or the entity that produces, refines, manufactures, or compounds heating fuel within the State for ultimate consumption within the State. For the purpose of this section, the entity that imports heating fuel is the entity that has ownership title to the heating fuel at the time it is brought into Vermont.”

II. REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

The Commission seeks comment on what additional information, if any, should be collected as part of the annual registration form to enable the Commission to identify obligated parties and to determine obligated parties' annual requirements under the potential Clean Heat Standard. Participants are requested to submit comments by November 6, 2023.

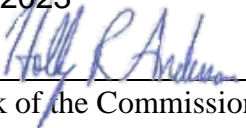
SO ORDERED.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 23rd day of October, 2023.

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