

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Case Nos. 23-2220-RULE and 23-2221-INV

Proceeding to design the potential Clean Heat Standard	
Investigation into the Clean Heat Standard Default Delivery Agent Costs and Quantities	

Order entered: 12/07/2023

PROCEDURAL ORDER CREATING TOPIC TAG SYSTEM FOR CLEAN HEAT STANDARD CASES

I. INTRODUCTION & PURPOSE

On June 30, 2023, the Vermont Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) opened cases 23-2220-RULE and 23-2221-INV to begin our work required by Public Act 18 (2023 Vt., Bien. Sess.). In the opening orders and the accompanying announcement, the Commission committed to making these proceedings accessible and encouraged anyone who was interested to engage with us to help create the best possible potential Clean Heat Standard design. In today’s Order, the Commission creates a topic tag system in ePUC to help participants and observers navigate these busy proceedings. This Order also lays out what subject areas we expect to be covered under each topic, explains how to indicate what topic a particular document relates to, and how previously filed documents will be treated.

The Commission recognizes that the Clean Heat Standard-related cases have and will continue to generate a high volume of documents. To make these proceedings easier to follow, we have created a method to tag and sort documents filed in cases 23-2220-RULE and 23-2221-INV. We hope that this system, in combination with the recently launched [Clean Heat Standard website](http://puc.vermont.gov/clean-heat-standard) (puc.vermont.gov/clean-heat-standard), will help new and experienced participants alike navigate these cases. The topic tags on documents issued by the Commission in ePUC will be mirrored on the Clean Heat Standard website.

II. USING TOPIC TAGS

Cases 23-2220-RULE and 23-2221-INV will have an additional field labeled “CHS Topic Area” in ePUC. When filing a document or comment, there is a new required dropdown

menu that lists the 11 topic tags. Subtopics that fall within the scope of each of the main topic tags are explained in more detail below. When filing a response to a request for comments in the relevant cases, click into the dropdown box and select the topic area instructed in the order requesting comments. If you are making a filing that is not in response to an order that specifies which tag to use, choose the topic area most closely related to your comment.

The Commission will go through previous filings and add the corresponding topic tag for applicable documents. If filings are made with incorrect topic tags, the Commission may correct the tag when appropriate. Please continue to use clear and informative document titles to help the Commission and other parties understand your filings.

III. TOPIC TAG LIST

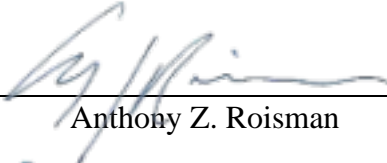
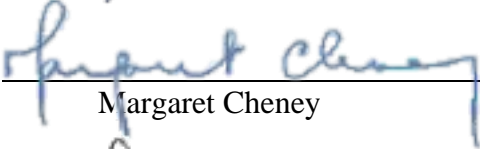
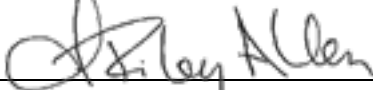
The dropdown menu currently provides 11 topic tags, which are listed below alongside the subtopics the Commission expects to be associated with the main topic tag. The Commission may create additional topic tags in the future if necessary and will communicate any such updates. We note that these topics are not listed in the order they will be addressed by the Commission; a separate scheduling order will be issued for case 23-2221-INV, and a scheduling order is forthcoming for case 23-2220-RULE.

Topic Tag	Purpose / Likely Subtopics Under this Label	Associated Case
0 Procedural Issues	Case management and administrative issues	23-2220-RULE & 23-2221-INV
1 Advisory Groups	Materials related to advisory groups	23-2220-RULE & 23-2221-INV
2 Measure Characterization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Attributes & Assumptions ● Carbon Intensity of Fuels ● Lifecycle Emissions 	23-2220-RULE
3 Credit Creation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ownership ● Qualifying Actions ● CO2e Equivalency ● Reporting ● Verification ● Low and Medium Income 	23-2220-RULE

4 Credit Usage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trading • Banking • Retirement • Non-Compliance 	23-2220-RULE
5 Pacing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retirement Totals • Obligated Party retirement requirements 	23-2220-RULE
6 Regulated Entities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fuel Dealer Registration • Obligated Party Determination • Credit Fulfillment Plan 	23-2220-RULE
7 DDA Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obligations, Responsibilities, Compensation • Eligibility Requirements and Evaluation Criteria • Number of Default Delivery Agent(s) 	23-2221-INV
8 DDA Budget	Costs and Quantities for the Triennial Budget	23-2221-INV
9 Other	Other topics not included in this list	23-2220-RULE & 23-2221-INV
10 Multiple Topics	Comments addressing multiple topics	23-2220-RULE & 23-2221-INV

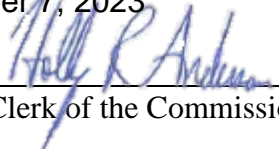
SO ORDERED.

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

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OFFICE OF THE CLERK

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 Clerk of the Commission

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