

STATE OF VERMONT  
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Case No. 23-2220-RULE

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Proceeding to design the potential Clean Heat Standard	
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Order entered: 02/20/2024

**ORDER REQUESTING INFORMATION ABOUT EXISTING  
HEATING AND WEATHERIZATION PROGRAMS**

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 January 2025.<sup>1</sup> The intent of Act 18 is that:

“[T]he Clean Heat Standard be designed and implemented in a manner that achieves Vermont’s thermal sector greenhouse gas emissions reductions necessary to meet the requirements of 10 V.S.A. § 578(a)(2) and (3), minimizes costs to customers, protects public health, and recognizes that affordable heating is essential for Vermonters. It shall enhance social equity by prioritizing customers with low income and moderate income and those households with the highest energy burdens. The Clean Heat Standard shall, to the greatest extent possible, maximize the use of available federal funds to deliver clean heat measures.”<sup>2</sup>

Consistent with that intent, Act 18 directs the public engagement facilitator and Equity Advisory Group to recommend “any additional programs, incentives, or funding needed to support customers with low income and moderate income and organizations that provide social services to Vermonters in affording heating fuel and other heating expenses.”<sup>3</sup>

To facilitate those efforts to identify additional programs, incentives, and funding, the Commission requests information regarding existing programs, incentives, and funding that currently support customers with low income and moderate income to afford heating expenses, transition to beneficial electrification for heating, reduce fossil fuel consumption for heating, and install weatherization measures. We request the information in the table below, by program, from all entities that currently administer programs and services that help customers with low

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<sup>1</sup> For an overview of the work done to date and other information on the proposed Clean Heat Standard, please see the Commission's clean heat website at <https://puc.vermont.gov/clean-heat-standard>.

<sup>2</sup> 30 V.S.A. § 8121.

<sup>3</sup> Public Act No. 18 § 6(b)(3) (2023 Vt., Bien. Sess.) and 30 V.S.A. § 8129(a)(4).

and moderate income with heating. Examples include programs that provide rebates, loans, tax credits, discounts, direct services, and other incentives that support the development, deployment, or subsidization of heating or weatherization. Please submit your comments by Friday, March 15, 2024, and label comments with topic tag “10 – Multiple Topics.”<sup>4</sup> The Commission has asked Equity Advisory Group members for this information directly and hopes to supplement this information with information from these comments and from entities not directly affiliated with the Equity Advisory Group.

Please provide the following information about each program. The Commission encourages using this table format or the attached Excel file so that we may create a matrix of existing programs. Additional columns may be added for additional programs. If you are aware that a program you administer overlaps with other programs, the Commission would appreciate that information being included in the “other notes” field.

<b>Item</b>	<b>Program 1</b>	<b>Program 2</b>
Program name		
Organization administering program		
Program type (e.g., tax credit, rebate, loan, direct service)		
Eligible technology or technologies (e.g., heat pump, stove), if applicable		
Amount of rebate/reward/incentive		
Eligible income		
Eligible location		
Other eligibility requirements (e.g., renter, age of existing technology)		
Who completes application (e.g., homeowner vs. contractor)		
Who submits application (e.g., homeowner		


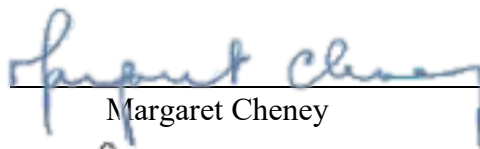
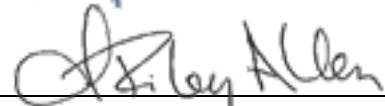
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<sup>4</sup> *Procedural Order Creating Topic Tag System for Clean Heat Standard Cases*, Case No. 23-2220-RULE, Order of 12/07/23.

vs. contractor)		
Program end date, if applicable		
Program funding type ( <i>e.g.</i> , federal, state, ratepayer, third party grant)		
Related website		
Approximate annual number of participants		
Other notes		

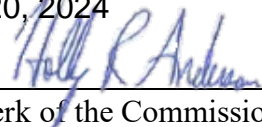
**SO ORDERED.**

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 20th day of February, 2024.

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OFFICE OF THE CLERK

Filed: February 20, 2024

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Clerk of the Commission

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