

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Case No. 22-2954-PET

Petition of the Department of Public Service to open a proceeding to initiate EEU Demand Resources Plan proceeding for the 2024-2026 and 2027-2029 performance periods	
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Order entered: 07/16/2024

ORDER ACCEPTING THE CITY OF BURLINGTON ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT'S AMENDED DEMAND RESOURCES PLAN

I. INTRODUCTION

In today's Order, the Vermont Public Utility Commission ("Commission") accepts the filing made by the City of Burlington Electric Department ("BED") noticing its intent to reallocate \$773,991 of its approved electric resource-acquisition budgets for the 2024-2026 performance period for the delivery of greenhouse gas emissions reduction programs in the thermal and transportation sectors. We also approve adjustments to the performance goals for the 2024-2026 performance period to reflect the reallocation of spending.

II. DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSION

Amendments Reflecting Act 44 Programs

On January 10, 2024, the Commission approved amendments to BED's Demand Resources Plan ("DRP") for the 2024-2026 performance period to allow the use of electric energy efficiency charge funds for the implementation of greenhouse gas emission reduction programs as authorized by Public Act No. 44.¹ The January 10, 2024, order approved amendments for the implementation of Act 44 programs in the 2024 performance year. For years 2025 and 2026, the Commission allowed for further process to examine whether the proposed programs and budget levels result in the largest possible greenhouse gas emission reductions in a cost-effective manner.

¹ Vermont Public Act No. 44 (2023 Vt. Bien. Sess.); *Order Approving Burlington Electric Department's Amended Demand Resources Plan for 2024 And Requiring Further Process For 2025 and 2026*, Case No. 22-2954-PET, Order of 1/10/24.

On May 30, 2024, Vermont Governor Scott signed S.305 (Act 142) into law.² Section 7 of Act 142 makes changes to Act 44 to allow an entity appointed under 30 V.S.A. § 209(d)(2)(A) to spend a portion of its electric resource-acquisition budgets on programs, measures, and services that reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the thermal energy or transportation sectors. The entity must provide notice to the Commission, the Vermont Department of Public Service (“Department”), the electric distribution utilities, and the Vermont Public Power Supply Authority. The notice must include the amount of the annual electric resource-acquisition budgets to be spent and a sworn statement attesting that the programs, measures, or services comply with the criteria in Sections 1(b)(1) through (5) of Act 44.

On June 11, 2024, BED filed notice of its intent to reallocate \$773,991 of its approved electric resource-acquisition budgets for the 2024-2026 performance period for the delivery of greenhouse gas emissions reduction programs in the thermal and transportation sectors.³ The testimony and exhibits supporting BED’s Act 44 budgets and programs are part of this case record and were filed in advance of the January 10, 2024, order approving BED’s Act 44 programs for the 2024 performance year.

BED attests that its programs, measures, and services meet the requirements of Act 44, Sections 1(b)(1) through (5).⁴

In its June 11, 2024, filing, BED includes a subset of its quantifiable performance indicators (“QPI”) targets and minimum performance requirements that were revised in its December 15, 2023, filing to reflect the implementation of its Act 44 programs. These QPIs and minimum performance indicators were approved in the January 10, 2024, Order.⁵ BED’s QPI targets and minimum performance requirements are approved as contained in BED’s June 11, 2024, filing and in the affidavit of Christopher Burns, also filed on June 11, 2024. To complete the record, within 60 days of today’s Order, BED is directed to file tables of its approved 2024-2026 QPIs and minimum performance requirements.

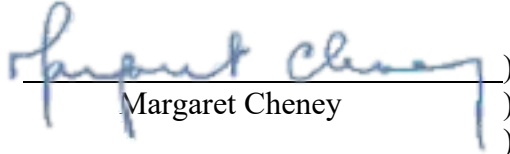
² Vermont Public Act No. 142 (2024 Vt.).

³ *Id.* at 6, § 1(b) (capping BED’s spending at \$800,000.00 of its resource acquisition budget).

⁴ Christopher Burns aff. (6/11/24).

⁵ In Finding 51 of the January 10, 2024, Order, BED’s QPI for Total Resource Benefits reflected the number from BED’s 11/14/23 filing and not the revised number from BED’s 12/15/23 filing. QPI #1 for the 2024-2026 performance period is \$15,273,300, as reflected in both the 12/15/23 and 6/11/24 filings.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 16th day of July, 2024.

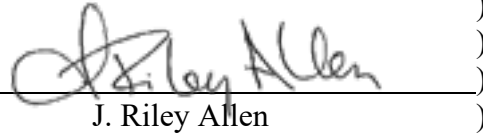

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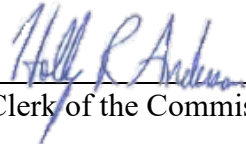
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OFFICE OF THE CLERK

Filed: July 16, 2024

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Clerk of the Commission

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Appeal of this decision to the Supreme Court of Vermont must be filed with the Clerk of the Commission within 30 days. Appeal will not stay the effect of this Order, absent further order by this Commission or appropriate action by the Supreme Court of Vermont. Motions for reconsideration or stay, if any, must be filed with the Clerk of the Commission within 28 days of the date of this decision and Order.

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