

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: 10/01/2024

ORDER ISSUING DRAFT RULE AND SETTING A DEADLINE FOR COMMENTS

In Public Act 18 (2023 Vt., Bien. Sess.) (“Act 18”), the Vermont Legislature directed the Vermont Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) to develop a proposed Clean Heat Standard.¹ Pursuant to Section 6(e) of Act 18, the Legislature required that the Commission issue draft proposed rules in the Commission’s electronic case management system, ePUC, and provide for a 30-day comment period.

Today, the Commission issues a draft rule that prescribes the responsibilities of the obligated parties that the Commission would be charged with regulating under the potential Clean Heat Standard program. With the draft rule, the Commission is issuing a Companion Status Report that provides context for how the draft rule fits into the work that the Commission has engaged in since Act 18 was passed by the Legislature in 2023 and outlines the other documents the Commission has issued and will issue to accomplish the tasks set out by the Legislature.

The Equity Advisory Group, the Vermont Office of Racial Equity, and the Vermont Climate Council have all produced equity scoring rubrics to complete an equity impact assessment when putting forward a law, rule, or policy, for example. The Commission has included the rubric from the Equity Advisory Group with this order to welcome feedback on the equity impacts of the draft rule. Given that the Clean Heat Standard program is under development and subject to legislative approval, we recognize that feedback using the rubric may be imperfect.

The Commission will hold a technical workshop on the draft rule on Monday, October 7, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. via Go To Meeting videoconference. Participants may

¹ 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>.

access the workshop online at <https://meet.goto.com/853720221>, or call in by telephone using the following information: phone number: +1 (571) 317-3129 access code: 853-720-221. The purpose of this workshop is to walk through the rule and answer questions about the rule after participants have had a week to review it. The workshop will be recorded but not transcribed.


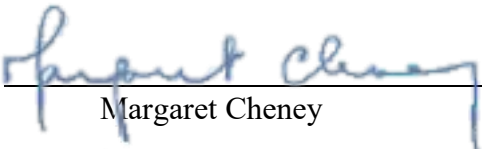
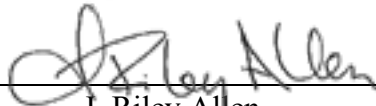
The Commission will hold a public hearing on the draft rule on Wednesday, October 30, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. via Go To Meeting videoconference. Participants and members of the public may access the public hearing online at <https://meet.goto.com/773432045>, or call in by telephone using the following information: phone number: +1 (571) 317-3116 access code: 773-432-045. At the public hearing, the Commission will present an overview of the rule and companion status report followed by an opportunity for verbal comments from members of the public. The public hearing will be transcribed.

Participants may wish to download the GoToMeeting software application in advance of the hearing at <https://meet.goto.com/install>. Guidance on how to join the meeting and system requirements may be found at <https://www.gotomeeting.com/online-meeting-support>.

The deadline for written comments on the rule is Friday, November 1, 2024.

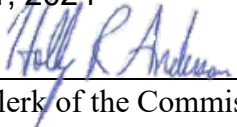
SO ORDERED.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 1st day of October, 2024.

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Margaret Cheney)	
 _____)) OF VERMONT
J. Riley Allen)	

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

Filed: October 1, 2024

Attest: 
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Clerk of the Commission

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