

§ 8125. DEFAULT DELIVERY AGENT

(e) Budget

(1) The Commission shall open a proceeding on or before July 1, 2023 and every three years thereafter to establish the default delivery agent credit cost or costs for the subsequent three-year period. That proceeding shall include:

(A) ~~an initial~~ a potential study conducted by the Department of Public Service to include ~~a~~ an assessment and quantification of ~~available~~ technically available, maximum achievable, and program-achievable thermal resources. The results shall include a comparison to the legal obligations of the thermal sector portion of the GWSA and 10 V.S.A. § 578. The potential study shall consider and evaluate ~~thermal-market~~ conditions for delivery of clean heat measures within the State, including an assessment of ~~and Statewide and regional thermal~~ workforce characteristics capable of meeting consumer demand and towards meeting the obligations of the GWSA and 10 V.S.A. § 578;

(B) the development of a three-year plan and associated proposed budget by the default delivery agent to be informed by the final results of the Department's potential study. The DDA may propose a portion of its budget towards promotion and market uplift, workforce development, and trainings for clean heat measures; these activities shall be eligible for earning a proportional share of clean heat credits pursuant to § 8127 (b); and

(C) opportunity for public participation.