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Representative Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs moves that the bill be amended in Sec. 1, 30 V.S.A. § 209, after the first ellipsis, by inserting:

(d) Energy efficiency.

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(3) Energy efficiency charge; regulated fuels. In addition to its existing authority, the Commission may establish by order or rule a volumetric charge to customers for the support of energy efficiency programs that meet the requirements of section 218c of this title, with due consideration to the State’s energy policy under section 202a of this title and to its energy and economic policy interests under section 218e of this title to maintain and enhance the State’s economic vitality. This support shall include energy efficiency programs that apply to regulated and unregulated fuels, energy storage projects, and initial technical guidance related to potential energy transformation projects as defined in section 8002 of this title that may be implemented by the customer’s interconnecting utility. The charge shall be known as the energy efficiency charge, shall be shown separately on each customer’s bill, and shall be paid to a fund administrator appointed by the Commission and deposited into the Electric Efficiency Fund. When such a charge is shown, notice as to how to obtain information about energy efficiency programs approved under this section shall be provided in a manner

1 directed by the Commission. This notice shall include, at a minimum, a toll-
2 free telephone number, and to the extent feasible shall be on the customer's bill
3 and near the energy efficiency charge.

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5 (e) Thermal energy and process fuel efficiency funding.

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7 ~~(2) If a program combines regulated fuel efficiency services with~~
8 ~~unregulated fuel efficiency services supported by funds under this section, the~~
9 ~~Commission shall allocate the costs of the program among the funding sources~~
10 ~~for the regulated and unregulated fuel sectors in proportion to the benefits~~
11 ~~provided to each sector.~~

12 ~~(3) In this subsection:~~ As used in subsection (d) and this subsection:

13 (A) "Efficiency services" includes the establishment of a statewide
14 information clearinghouse under subsection (g) of this section.

15 (B) "Regulated fuels" means electricity and natural gas delivered by
16 a regulated utility.

17 (C) "Unregulated fuels" means fuels used by thermal energy and
18 process fuel customers other than electricity and natural gas delivered by a
19 regulated utility.

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