

1 *Draft for Committee discussion on 1/23/20, showing some of the decision*
2 *points based on witness testimony.*

3 Introduced by Committee on Natural Resources and Energy

4 Date:

5 Subject: Public service; regulatory authority of the Public Utility Commission;
6 energy efficiency programs and services

7 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to allow, for a
8 period of three years, energy efficiency entities to use a portion of their
9 budgets on programs to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the thermal and
10 transportation sectors.

11 An act relating to energy efficiency entities

12 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

13 Sec. 1. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS

14 **The General Assembly finds that:**

15 (1) **XXX**

16 Sec. 2. ALLOWANCE OF THE USE OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY

17 CHARGE FUNDS FOR GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

18 REDUCTION PROGRAMS

19 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of law or order of the Public Utility

20 Commission (PUC) to the contrary, for the calendar years 2020–2023, an

1 entity appointed by the PUC to provide electric energy efficiency and
2 conservation programs and measures pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 209(d)(2)(A)
3 shall / may be authorized by the PUC to spend a portion of / not more than X
4 percent of / not more than \$X from its annual resource acquisition budget on
5 programs, measures, and services that:

6 (1) reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the thermal energy or
7 transportation sectors, or both;

8 (2) result in the largest possible greenhouse gas emissions reductions in
9 a cost-effective manner;

10 (3) demonstrate a clear nexus with electricity usage;

11 (4) shall be complementary to and shall not replace or be in competition
12 with electric utility energy transformation projects pursuant to 30 V.S.A.
13 § 8005(a)(3).

14 (b) Any funds spent on programs, measures, and services pursuant to this
15 section by a retail electricity provider that the PUC has appointed an energy
16 efficiency entity pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 209(d)(2)(A) shall not be counted
17 towards the calculation of funds used by that retail electricity provider for
18 energy transformation projects pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 8005(a)(3) and the
19 calculation of project cost pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 8005(a)(3)(C)(iv).

20 (c) On or before January 1, 2021 and every January 1 for three years
21 thereafter, the PUC shall submit a written report to the House Committee on

1 Energy and Technology and the Senate Committees on Natural Resources and
2 Energy and on Finance concerning any programs, measures, and services
3 approved pursuant to this section.

4 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

5 This act shall take effect on passage and shall be repealed as of January 1,
6 2024.