

§ 8126. CLEAN HEAT STANDARD EQUITY ADVISORY GROUP

(a) The Commission shall establish the Clean Heat Equity Advisory Group to assist the Commission in developing and implementing the clean heat standard in a manner that ensures an equitable share of clean heat measures are delivered to low- and moderate-income Vermonters, and that low- and moderate-income Vermonters who are not early-adopters of clean heat measures are not negatively impacted in their ability to afford heating fuel. Its duties shall include:

- (1) Providing feedback to the Commission on strategies for engaging low- and moderate-income Vermonters in the public process around development of the Clean Heat Standard;
- (2) Supporting the Commission in assessing whether customers are equitably served by clean heat measures and how to increase equity in this area;
- (3) Identifying actions needed to provide better service to, and mitigate the fuel price impacts calculated in 30 VSA § 8125 on, low- and moderate-income customers;
- (4) Recommending any additional programs, incentives or funding needed to support low- and moderate-income customers, and organizations that provide social services to Vermonters, in affording heating fuel and other heating expenses; and
- (5) Providing feedback to the Commission on the impact of the Clean Heat Standard on the everyday experience of low- and moderate-income Vermonters.