

On or before December 17, 2021, the Public Utility Commission shall report on its recommendations concerning the implementation of a volumetric thermal energy efficiency charge to provide supplemental funding for thermal energy efficiency programs implemented pursuant to 30 V.S.A. §§ 209(e) and (g), including the following topics:

1. Recommended criteria for establishing the amount of the thermal energy efficiency charge, including the size of annual thermal energy efficiency program budgets and accounting for existing or new sources of funding for those programs over time.
2. Whether the supplemental funding provided by the thermal energy efficiency charge should be directed to an entity other than an entity appointed by the Commission pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 209(d)(2)(B) to provide efficiency programs and services to thermal energy customers.
3. Any statutory amendments necessary to implement its recommendations.