

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Case No. 23-2221-INV

Investigation into the Clean Heat Standard Default Delivery Agent Costs and Quantities	
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Order entered: 01/30/2026

ORDER CLOSING CASE

In 2023, the Vermont General Assembly passed Public Act 18 (2023 Vt., Bien. Sess.) (“Act 18”), which required the Vermont Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) to provide a proposed Clean Heat Standard rule to the Legislature by January 15, 2025. Part of the charge in Act 18 was to “establish the default delivery agent¹ (“DDA”) credit cost or costs and the quantity of credits to be generated for the subsequent three-year period.”²

On June 30, 2023, the Commission issued an order opening this investigation to fulfill those requirements and all other directly related matters, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 8125(e)(1).

On January 15, 2025, the Commission submitted its proposed Clean Heat Standard rule and second checkback report to the General Assembly. Section 8131 of Title 30 provides that “Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the Commission shall not file proposed rules with the Secretary of State implementing the Clean Heat Standard without specific authorization enacted by the General Assembly.” The General Assembly has not passed a bill that either adopts or modifies the Commission’s proposed Clean Heat Standard rule. Accordingly, the Commission is not authorized to implement the Clean Heat Standard as set forth in Chapter 94 in Title 30.

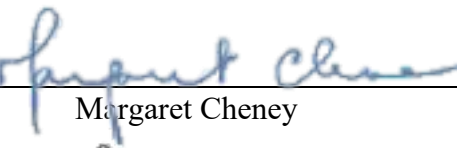
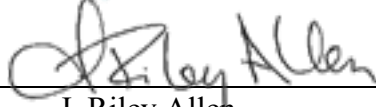
Without authorization from the General Assembly to implement the Clean Heat Standard, the Commission did not move forward with a DDA appointment. Therefore, the activities of this investigation have been concluded, and this case is closed.

SO ORDERED.

¹ “Default delivery agent” means an entity designated by the Commission to provide services that generate clean heat measures. 30 V.S.A. § 8123(7).

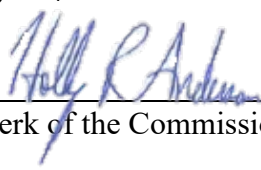
² 30 V.S.A. § 8125(e)(1).

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 30th day of January, 2026.

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