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State of Vermont Public Utility Commission

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION SEEKS APPLICANTS FOR TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP

The Vermont Public Utility Commission is seeking applications from individuals who wish to join an advisory group that will play a pivotal role in developing the potential Clean Heat Standard for Vermont's thermal sector. We invite you to become a part of this important initiative.

What Role Does the Technical Advisory Group Play?

The Technical Advisory Group will assist the Commission in designing the ongoing management of the potential program, which would establish a new regulatory structure based on a marketplace of "clean heat credits." This advisory group will advise the Commission on many of the technical aspects of the program, such as the accounting methodology and values for clean heat credits. Along with the separate Equity Advisory Group, this is one of two groups that will play advisory roles in the development of the Clean Heat Standard.

Who We're Looking For:

The group will be comprised of up to 15 members. The advisory group will need representation from individuals who have expertise in one or more of the following areas: technical and analytical expertise in measuring lifecycle greenhouse gas emissions; energy modeling and data analysis; clean heat measures and energy technologies; sustainability and non-greenhouse-gas-emissions strategies designed to reduce and avoid impacts to the environment, mitigating environmental burdens as defined in 3 V.S.A. § 6002; public health impacts of air quality and climate change; delivery of heating fuels; land use changes, deforestation and forest degradation; and climate change mitigation policy and law. The members will also need to include representatives from the following departments and agencies: the Department of Public Service, the Agency of Natural Resources, and the Department of Health. The specific state agencies identified as required members of this group are requested to respond to this solicitation.

What to Expect?

The full scope of the Technical Advisory Group can be found at 30 V.S.A. §§ 8124(d)(2), 8127(b) and 8128 of Public Act No. 18 (2023 Vt., Bien. Sess.). Initial terms of service for group members will be two years. Applicants should expect that monthly meetings will be necessary in the first year. The exact meeting schedule, frequency, and procedures of the group will be determined once the group is formed. Because of the unique expertise of each member, attendance by all group members at the meetings will be crucial.

Compensation: Members not otherwise compensated by their employer are eligible for per diem compensation and expense reimbursement as per 32 V.S.A. § 1010(b).

Why Should You Apply?

Help shape Vermont's energy policy: As a member of the Technical Advisory Group, you will actively participate in the development of Vermont's potential Clean Heat Standard, offering your valuable expertise on how to design and implement this new policy aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions from the thermal sector.

How to Apply:

- Write a letter of interest expressing your desire to join the Technical Advisory Group.
- Specify which entity you will represent / the expertise you will provide, and your qualifications to provide that expertise.
- Explain your motivation for wanting to serve on the Technical Advisory Group.
- Include your resume/curriculum vitae.

Please submit your letter of interest via email puc.businessmanager@vermont.gov.

Please also submit your letter via mail to the PUC Business Manager, 112 State Street, 4th Floor, Montpelier, VT 05620-2701.

The application Deadline is **October 9, 2023**

For more information about the Technical Advisory Group and its role in shaping Vermont's Clean Heat Standard, please refer to the bill as enacted, available at this link:

<https://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2024/S.5>.