

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Case No. 23-2220-RULE

Proceeding to design the potential Clean Heat Standard	
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Order entered: 01/26/2024

ORDER ESTABLISHING GRACE PERIOD FOR ANNUAL REGISTRATION

Public Act 18 (2023 Vt., Bien. Sess.) (“Act 18”) requires “[e]ach entity that sells heating fuel into or in Vermont” (“fuel dealers”) to register with the Vermont Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) on or before January 31, 2024.¹ On December 15, 2023, the Commission issued an order establishing the information to be provided in that registration.² On January 17, 2024, the Commission issued an order identifying the process for all fuel dealers to file their registrations with the Commission.

On January 23, 2024, the Commission hosted an information session on how to use the annual registration form. Notice of the information session stated that the information session would offer technical assistance with registration, and that the Commission cannot provide advice on any legal aspect of registration. At the information session, multiple participants informed the Commission that the time allowed for them to complete their registration, between January 17 and 31, 2024, was insufficient.

The Commission appreciates this feedback, and further recognizes that this year’s deadline falls within fuel dealers’ busy season. Although the Commission is unable to move the January 31, 2024, annual registration deadline, we believe it is appropriate to take what steps we can to facilitate registration. Therefore, we wish to communicate to would-be registrants that neither the Commission nor the Vermont Attorney General’s Office will seek enforcement action on the basis that a registration is filed late, so long as a registrant submits its annual registration form by February 29, 2024.³


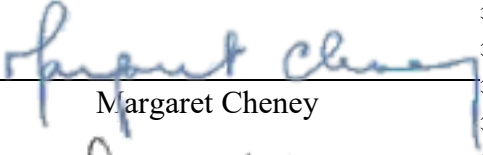
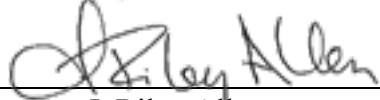
SO ORDERED.

¹ 30 V.S.A. § 8124(b)(1). See also 30 V.S.A. § 8123(11), “‘Heating fuel’ means fossil-based heating fuel, including oil, propane, natural gas, coal, and kerosene.”

² Proceeding to design the potential Clean Heat Standard, Case 23-2221-RULE, Order of 12/15/23. For an overview of the work done to date and other information on the proposed Clean Heat Standard, please see the Commission's clean heat website at <https://puc.vermont.gov/clean-heat-standard>.

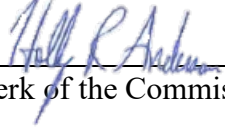
³ Pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 8124(f)(6), “[f]ailure to register with the Commission . . . is a violation of the Consumer Protection Act in 9 V.S.A. chapter 63.”

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 26th day of January, 2024.

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Filed: January 26, 2024

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