

## Determination of 2017 Electric Energy Efficiency Charge Rates

The Vermont Public Service Board has determined the 2017 electric Energy Efficiency Charge (“EEC”) rates to take effect with bills rendered on or after February 1, 2017. The EEC is charged as a percentage of Vermont ratepayer electricity usage.

EEC rates are recalculated annually, in part due to the changing budget and the under- or over- collection of the EEC as it relates to the actual costs of implementing efficiency programs through Vermont’s energy efficiency utilities. Undercollections in prior years are added to the amount collected from ratepayers in the coming year while overcollections in prior years reduce the amount that needs to be collected ratepayers in the coming year.

The new rate is an increase of about 11% over the current EEC, averaged across the rate classes for all utilities other than BED, or about 75 cents more on the monthly bill next year for a typical residential customer using 600 kWh of electricity. The new rate for BED customers is about a 6% decrease in the EEC averaged across the rate classes or about 45 cents less on the monthly bill next year for a residential customer using 600 kWh of electricity.

These rates have been determined based on analysis of information provided to the Public Service Board and Department of Public Service by the Vermont utilities, and calculations by the Department in accordance with the procedures established in Board Rule 5.300. Notice of these new rates shall be published by each electric distribution utility to its customers in the December 2016 billing cycle.

### *For More Information*

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### **Energy Efficiency Charge (EEC)**

Since the year 2000 an energy efficiency charge on Vermont electric bills has provided the funding for Efficiency Vermont, the nation’s first statewide energy efficiency utility. Efficiency Vermont provides technical assistance and financial incentives through various programs to help Vermont households and businesses reduce their energy use and costs. Separately, the Burlington Electric Department operates as its own energy efficiency utility, determines its own EEC rates, and with the funds from its EEC provides similar efficiency programs within its service territory.

### **Useful Web Links**

<http://publicservice.vermont.gov>

<https://www.energycapital.com/>

<https://www.burlingtonelectric.com/energy-efficiency/our-commitment/our-energy-efficiency-story>

For the new rates see

<http://psb.vermont.gov/sites/psb/files/orders/2016/November/Attachment%20to%20Order%20re%202017%20EEC%20Rates.pdf>