

Discussion Questions

Stakeholder Meeting #2: Energy Efficiency

Questions for Small Groups

- 1) What are the top 1 or 2 concerns or aspects of ***energy efficiency*** to consider in the state's energy future over the next 10 years?

- 2) What options do you see that can help Vermonters meet their energy needs in the future?

- 3) Should the state set additional goals or targets for energy areas, and if so, what targets and through what mechanisms should they be encouraged or required?

Questions for Large Group

- 1) When valuing energy efficiency investments, what should the state emphasize? For example, carbon reduction, economic development, energy independence, affordability, etc.

- 2) Given the existing state goals and targets to reduce energy demand for both electricity and heat/process fuels, how can Vermont best achieve these goals? What is working now that needs more support, what is not working, and what new initiatives are needed?

- 3) If cost effectiveness is an important criterion, what should be included when identifying the benefits and costs: Externalities (e.g., carbon)? Non-energy benefits such as comfort? others? Who should bear these costs – rate payers, the tax base, or only those individuals/businesses/geographic area that benefit?