

# Administrative Procedures – Public Input Statement

## Instructions:

In completing the public input statement, an agency describes what it did do, or will do to maximize the involvement of the public in the development of the rule. This form must be completed for the following filings made during the rulemaking process:

- Proposed Rule Filing
- Final Proposed Filing
- Adopted Rule Filing
- Emergency Rule Filing

1. TITLE OF RULE FILING:

Vermont Appliance Efficiency and Water Conservation Standards

2. ADOPTING AGENCY:

Vermont Department of Public Service

3. PLEASE LIST THE STEPS THAT HAVE BEEN OR WILL BE TAKEN TO MAXIMIZE PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROPOSED RULE:

The adoption of this rule is pursuant to the action of the Vermont General Assembly in 2017, in passing Act No. 42 (Adj. Sess.), § 1. That Act requires the adoption of a rule which will put in place in Vermont the currently applicable federal appliance efficiency and water conservation standards in the event the federal standards are repealed or voided. No rule development has taken place nor is any envisioned as the Department is not authorized by Act 42 to adopt anything other than the specific federal appliance efficiency standards in effect on 1/19/17 and certain general service lighting standards that will come into effect on 1/1/20. As part of the rulemaking process the Department held a public hearing on 9/20/17 to provide details about the operation and impact of the rule. In addition to posting information about the hearing on the Department's website, individual electronic mail notice of the hearing was sent directly to a list of more than fifty Vermont HVAC Contractors, Lighting Design Contractors and Electrical Distribution Companies. Only two individuals attended the public hearing. One attendee had questions about specific

portions of 9 V.S.A. § 2794 that predated the statutory directive to create the rule. The other attendee indicated that they were monitoring the progress of the rule. The Department was prepared to respond to any comments supporting or opposing adoption of the rule but no comments were received.

4. BEYOND GENERAL ADVERTISEMENTS, PLEASE LIST THE PEOPLE AND ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN OR WILL BE INVOLVED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROPOSED RULE:

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