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Sent: Tuesday, February 03, 2015 1:51 PM
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Subject: Re: H.40 Follow Up

No major issues with adding to definition although I think adding biodiesel generally makes more sense than the specifics. Definition not intended to be exhaustive anyhow but I understand wanting to get clarity.

Needs to be some partnership with utility for utility to get credit, even a marketing partnership would be adequate.

Thanks Matt,
Darren

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 3, 2015, at 1:28 PM, Matt Cota <matt@vermontfuel.com> wrote:

See message below.

Just trying to get our equipment and fuel in the bill.
Let me know if you have any problems with this approach.

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Begin forwarded message:

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To: Tony Klein <tklein@leg.state.vt.us>, Rebecca Ellis <rellis@leg.state.vt.us>
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Chairman Klein and Vice-Chair Ellis,

Thank you very much for the opportunity to testify on H.40 on Friday January 30.

It is our position that full service heating fuel companies can help the state meet its renewable energy and efficiency goals.

As shown in EIA data, per home consumption of oilheat has declined significantly here in Vermont (25% over the past decade, adjusted for degree days). Thanks to more modern heating equipment installed by heating service technicians and more efficient low sulfur fuel (now required by law) this downward trend in fossil fuel consumption is expected to continue. Further, the increase in biodiesel blends sold by oilheat marketers will also lower fossil fuel consumption in Vermont.

Much like air source heat pumps would receive credits based on the percentage of renewable fuel used to power them, biodiesel blended oil used for heat, transportation, and electric generation should be credited similarly. Credits should also be established for reductions in fossil fuels as the result of the installation of more efficient heating equipment. Electric utilities would not be required to partner with heating fuel and service companies. However, doing so might help them meet their energy transformation requirements.

To that end, VFDA suggests that H.40 be amended as follows:

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(25) “Energy transformation project” means an undertaking that provides energy-related goods or services but does not include or consist of the generation of electricity and that results in a net reduction in fossil fuel consumption by the customers of a retail electricity provider and in the emission of greenhouse gases attributable to that consumption. Examples of energy transformation projects may include home weatherization or other thermal energy efficiency measures; **high efficiency heating systems; biofuel blended oilheat**; air source or geothermal heat pumps; **biodiesel blended fuel for motor vehicles**; electric vehicle charging stations; **biodiesel blended #2 oil for electric generation peaking facilities**; and infrastructure for the storage of renewable energy on the electric grid.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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