

# ***BURLINGTON ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT***

Tariff Sheets  
Effective June 1, 2024

## **ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (EAP) RATE**

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### **Availability**

Service under this Rate is available to any non-net-metered Customer who currently takes service through BED's Residential Service ("RS") Rate and has a household income at or below 185% of the Federal Poverty Level ("FPL").

### **Character of Service**

Alternating current, 60 Hertz, at the standard utilization voltage.

### **Monthly Bill**

EAP Rate Customers will be billed for all applicable charges at the prevailing RS Rate. A 12.5% EAP Rate discount will be applied to the total Energy Charges and Customer Charge each month and appear as a credit on the bill.

### **Terms and Conditions**

- 1) Eligibility verification methods: Eligible Customers can opt to request BED to enroll them in the EAP Rate and verify income eligibility by providing documentation of eligibility for:
  - a. Vermont Seasonal Fuel Assistance,
  - b. 3SquaresVT,
  - c. VGS Energy Assistance,
  - d. Vermont Section 8 Assistance, or
  - e. for any Customers who meet the at or below 185% of FPL income eligibility threshold for the EAP Rate who are not able to provide eligibility documentation using any of the above income verification methods, BED will work with those Customers to find an alternative verification method.
  
- 2) BED automatically will enroll any Customers in the EAP Rate who are on the Vermont Department of Children and Families list of Seasonal Fuel Assistance recipients and will notify such Customers of their enrollment. Any Customers who are automatically enrolled in the EAP Rate who do not wish to be enrolled in the EAP Rate can opt out of participating by contacting BED.

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- 3) Termination and renewal of enrollment: Customers may withdraw from this Rate at any time by contacting BED. Customers who become ineligible for the EAP Rate based on a change in income must contact BED to provide notification of this change within one month of such an occurrence. BED may require Customers to renew their enrollment in the EAP Rate by providing updated income eligibility documentation no more frequently than once every year.
- 4) BED is authorized to use an external entity, such as a Vermont agency or other third party, to perform Customer income eligibility verification services.
- 5) If BED identifies methods for verifying income eligibility in addition to those listed in Section 1 above, BED will provide notification of these additional methods on its website where this tariff is located.
- 6) Where no specific provisions are provided in this rate, service will be delivered under BED's Operating Guidelines.