

# ***BURLINGTON ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT***

Tariff Sheets

Effective December 17, 2025

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

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### **Availability**

Service under this Rate is available to any 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") and other Customers as detailed below.

### **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 their prevailing Rate. A 12.5% EAP Rate discount will be applied to the total Energy, Demand, and Customer Charges each month and appear as a credit on the bill.

### **Terms and Conditions**

- 1) Eligibility verification methods for Residential Customers: Eligible RS Rate 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) Other eligible Customer verification method: BED may enroll in the EAP Rate Customers that are non-profit entities that provide housing and pay all of the electricity costs for clients that meet the at or below 185% of FPL income-eligibility threshold for the Rate. Such entities may include Customers that are shelter providers serving temporary, unhoused populations or Customers that are affordable housing organizations. Prior to BED enrollment in the EAP Rate, interested Customers must provide documentation of their clients' income eligibility as follows:

- a. For Customers that provide housing shelters, an authorized Customer representative will provide BED with a signed attestation that all of its clients meet the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development definition of “homeless” and/or have an annual income between \$0 and \$1000.
- b. For Customers that are affordable housing providers, an authorized Customer representative will provide BED with a signed attestation that all of its residents have provided at intake, and will continue to provide, on an at least an annual basis, documentation that its residents have a household income at or below 185% of FPL.

Customers must also document in the above signed attestations that:

- (a) they pay all the electricity costs for clients/residents of their properties (which BED may verify by confirming there are not individually metered units at the properties); and
- (b) clients/residents will receive a benefit that is proportionate to the clients’ share of the Customers EAP Rate discount.

For Customers that provide housing shelters, acceptable client benefits can include any of the following:

- Additional housing advocate services
- Additional transportation services
- Additional medical services
- Expansion of Customers’ program services, such as food, pre-shelter support services, and partnership development with other providers, such as recovery and outreach services
- Additional wellness services

For any Customers who are unable to provide any of the above benefits, BED will work with those Customers to find an acceptable alternative client benefit.

For Customers that are affordable housing providers, acceptable client benefits can include reduced rent or another documented reduction of monthly expenses for residents that is proportionate to the residents’ share of the Customers’ EAP Rate discount.

- 3) 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.

- 4) 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.
- 5) BED is authorized to use an external entity, such as a Vermont agency or other third party, to perform Customer income eligibility verification services.
- 6) 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.
- 7) Where no specific provisions are provided in this rate, service requirements will be as provided in BED's current BED's Operating Guidelines.