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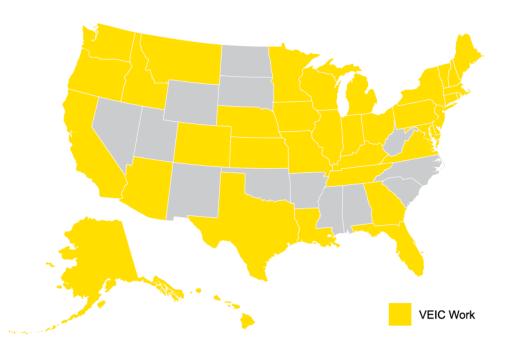
#### **Efficiency & Electrification:** 6 Steps to Success

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# About VEIC

- Nonprofit founded in 1986
- 300+ employees
- Locations: DC, OH, VT, WI
- Design and deliver programs and policies nationwide:
  - Energy efficiency
  - Clean transportation
  - Building electrification
  - Renewable energy



- Our customers:
  - Utilities
  - Government
  - Foundations
  - Environmental & consumer groups
  - Business



# EE and Electrification Strategy: Steps to Success

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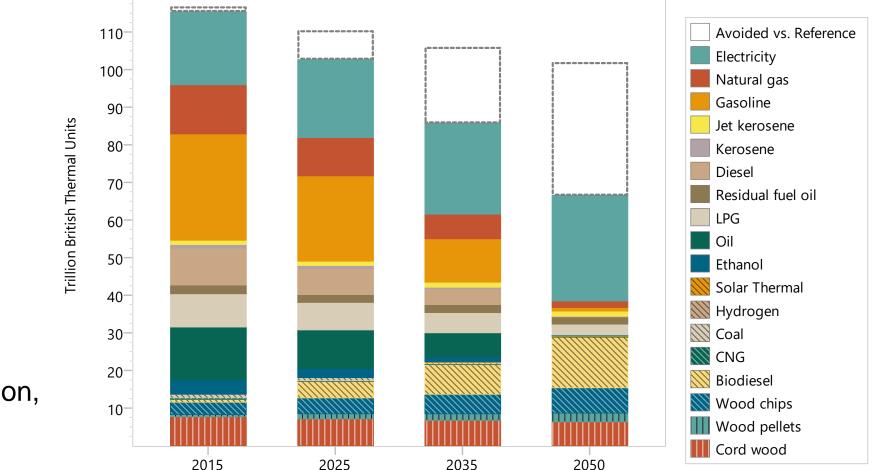
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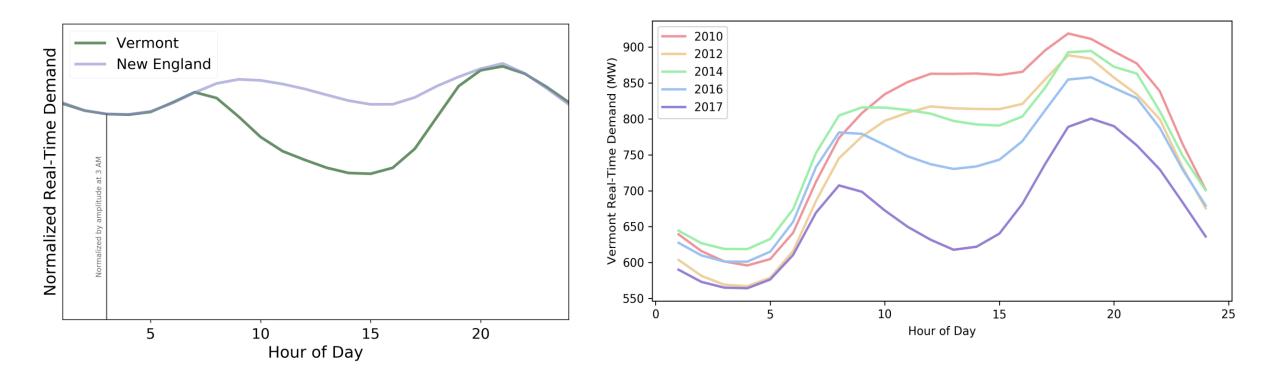
#### Step 1: Continue EE as Foundation of Clean Energy Transition



Vermont's Pathway: Efficiency, Electrification, and Renewables

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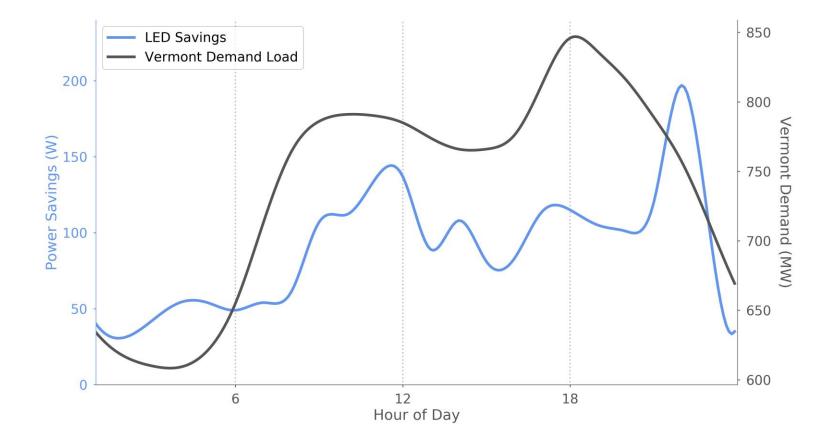
#### Step 2: Use Efficiency Smarter



Goal: Flatten Vermont's Growing Duck through Time-Targeted EE

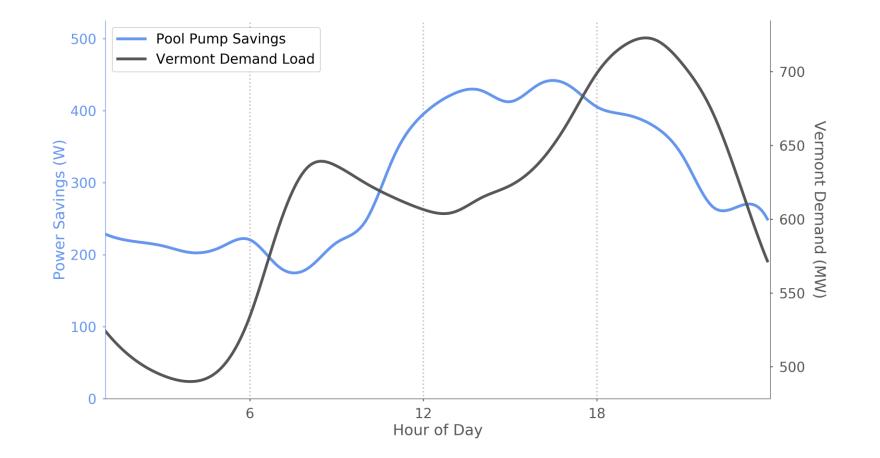
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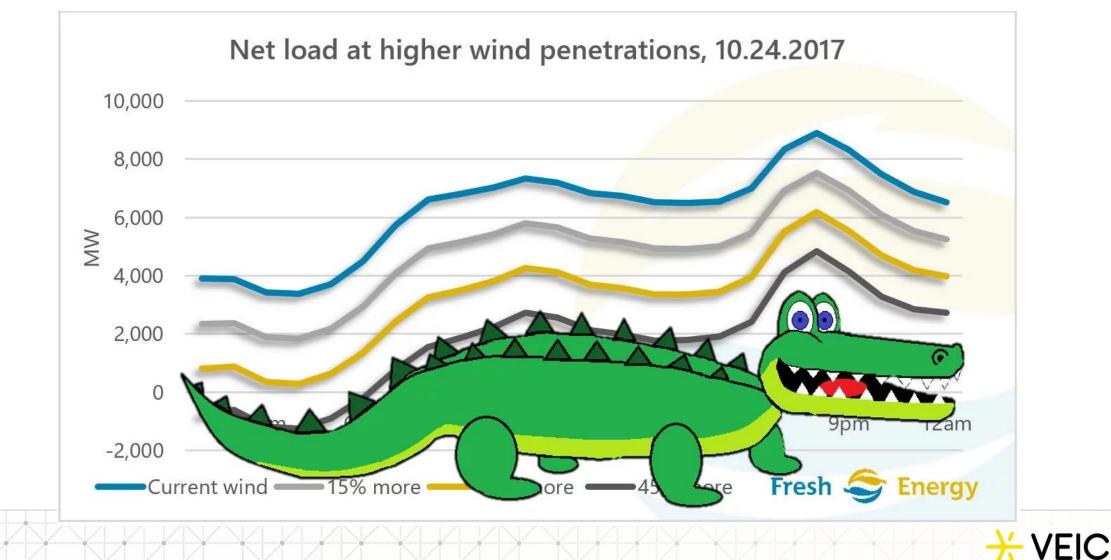


#### Savings Curve for High Efficiency Pool Pumps on High Stress Hot Days



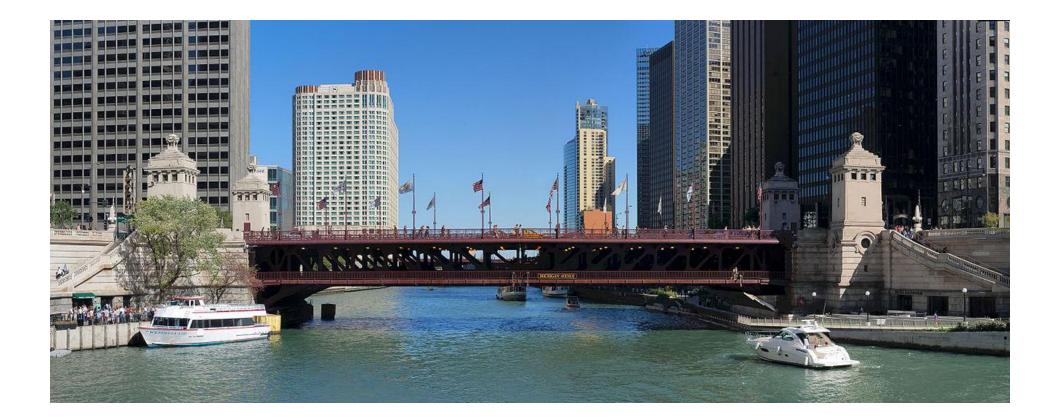


# Ducks ≠ Gators



Source: Greentech Media, "Forget the Duck Curve. Renewables Integration in the Midwest Is a Whole Other Animal", Author: Andrew Twite

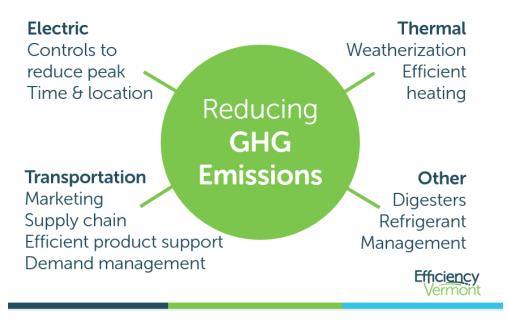
#### Step 3: Establish a Bridge Between Efficiency, Grid Flexibility, & Electrification





#### Efficiency Vermont Future Vision

#### **Redefined Efficiency**





Partnering with Wisconsin utilities

Appendix A – Research Topics Identified by Focus on Energy for EERD Funding

Demand Response (DR) Ready Program Offerings

Recently Released Call for Concept Papers



### Step 4: Get Started with a Targeted Approach

- At current fuel prices, it often makes sense to target:
  - Existing homes that currently heat with electric resistance, oil, or propane
  - New construction: Net zero program tiers and stretch codes to promote construction integrating heat pumps with high-performance building shells



Efficiency Vermont: Zero Energy Modular Home



# Midwest Take

 Establish short-term solutions to continue momentum where coal plant & gas line infrastructure isn't cost-effective to retire



- Invest in gap technologies
- Prepare customers to make better decisions through education & program design

Mysa Communicating Line Voltage Thermostat



### Step 5: Leverage Partnerships for Greater Success

 Integrate and coordinate delivery of efficiency, demand flexibility, electrification programs to break down program silos





### Partnerships: Utility & Efficiency Provider

- Pilot testing gridinteractive water heaters as a virtual thermal battery
- Collaboration between WEC and Efficiency Vermont



#### Join Project PowerShift

Help Washington Electric Co-Op keep energy costs lower for our community.

### Partnerships: Efficiency Program & Trade Allies

- Vermont Zero Energy Now Pilot:
  - Wx + heat pumps + PV
  - 50-80% reduction in total energy use
- NYSERDA Heat Pump Ready Pilot:
  - Demonstrate affordable standard packages of whole house load reduction measures (air sealing, insulation, duct repair/sealing, low E windows, smart controls)
  - Create a viable and innovative service model for contractors

Zero Energy	Now 2016 Summar	y Statistics
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Participants	22 Vermont existing homeowners		
Customer investments	\$1.2 million (split relatively evenly between efficiency and solar PV)		
Median total project cost	\$44,739 (ranging between \$22,000 and \$170,000)		
Net customer project cost	\$31,090 (after incentives from Zero Energy Now, Efficiency Vermont and 30% Federal tax credit)		
Median energy cost savings	\$3,692/year		
avorano annual onorny cavinne	95 MMBtu (60 MMBtu from efficiency and 31 MMBtu from solar PV) from 120 MMBtu pre- to 25 MMBtu post-improvement		
Customer return on investment	11.9%		

#### http://bppa-vt.org/page-1737726





Building Performance Professionals Association of Vermont BPPA-VT

Vermont's Authorities on Energy Efficiency

### Partnerships: Utility, Customers, & EE

- Offered to C&I customers
  - Real-time energy dashboard
  - Demand limiting strategies
  - Financial incentive
- By end of pilot, customers had better understanding of their demand & it's impacts





#### Partnering with Wisconsin utilities

# Step 6: Set Next-Generation Goals

- Align EE program goals (and utility performance incentives) with state policy goals:
  - Peak demand reduction
  - Fuel-neutral energy savings or GHG reduction
  - Market transformation indicators
  - Energy or GHG savings for low-income customers or other target groups

### Massachusetts: EE Program Metrics in 2019-2020 Period

Old Goal	New Goal	Advantage
Lifetime kWh savings	Lifetime MMBtu savings	<ul> <li>Converts electric, oil, and propane savings to common units</li> <li>Encourages energy optimization by providing holistic view of tradeoffs such as electrification</li> </ul>
NA	Peak kW savings	<ul> <li>Measures savings from both active and passive demand reduction</li> </ul>



### Vermont & Wisconsin: Evolution of Third-Party Administrators

GHG Reduction	<ul> <li>Efficiency Vermont has proposed as part of next 3- year plan</li> <li>WI Gov. Evers signed EO for carbon neutrality by 2050; established task force</li> </ul>
Grid Service-Ready Technologies Installed / Customers Served	<ul> <li>Efficiency Vermont proposed as part of next 3-year plan</li> <li>Focus on Energy planning greater emphasis on innovation this Quadrennial period – CCHP demo project</li> </ul>



# To Recap

- ✓ Continue EE as foundation of clean energy transition
- Make EE smarter with data-driven insights and time & location targeting
- ✓ Establish connection between electrification, flexibility, & EE
- ✓ Get started with targeted approaches
- ✓ Explore partnerships to further goals & impact
- $\checkmark$  Set next-generation performance metrics and incentives



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Thank you!

