PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

Energy Improvements and Financing Forums FOR PACE (Property Assessed Clean Energy) District Towns

SERG Director, Bob Walker and representatives from Efficiency Vermont will present about the various energy improvements and low interest financing available to many Vermont residents at a series of forums, taking place:

- Wednesday, January 7th, 2015, Bradford Academy Auditorium, 7:00pm
- Tuesday, January 20th, 2015, Thetford Center Community Center, 6:30pm
- Tuesday, January 27, Randolph (Room TBD)
- Wednesday, February 25th, 2015, Bugbee Senior Center, White River Junction, 6:30pm
- Woodstock (TBD)

Energy service providers will be available to answer your technology related questions.

Residents from Bradford, Cavendish, Hartford, Hartland, Norwich, Randolph, **Sharon,** Strafford, Thetford, Vershire, Weathersfield, Woodstock and other Vermont towns that have adopted PACE (Property Assessed Clean Energy) **can now access low interest (from 0% to 1.99%)** financing to make energy improvements in their homes.

Improvements that can be financed through these low rates include energy audits, weatherization measures, cold climate heat pumps, high efficiency oil, propane and wood pellet central heating systems, heat pump water heaters, and solar hot water heaters. Renewable electric generation systems can also be financed through PACE at the standard program rate, which is currently at 6.375%.

Financing these measures through PACE often results in homeowners saving more on energy costs than they are paying for the improvements, so they save energy and money from day one. Efficiency Vermont, will conduct a free analysis of your project plan to let you know how cost effective your project is and assist you through the PACE process. Other PACE advantages include no credit score check, no closing costs and no down payment required.

Actual interest rates and more information on the PACE process are available at http://www.efficiencyvermont.com/PACE.

If you can't make the forums, but want to learn more about PACE, SERG at <u>802-785-4126</u>, or Efficiency Vermont at <u>www.efficiencyvermont.com/PACE</u>, <u>PACE@efficiencyvermont.com</u> or 888-921-5990.

These forums are being cosponsored by Sustainable Energy Resource Group, Upper Valley Sierra Club, Vital Communities and the town energy committees.

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