



We're always getting great questions from members. Can the grid support more load? How is VEC improving reliability? What about VEC's commitment to carbon-free and renewable power?

Here are some [answers](#) from VEC's CEO. And, please, keep the inquiries coming!

## Flood recovery information available for businesses

A range of resources is available for businesses hit by flooding. The Agency of Commerce and Community Development Storm Recovery Resource Center has information about [documenting damage](#) and [Small Business Administration assistance](#). You can also [sign up for updates](#) on disaster loans and other aid as it becomes available. Also, be aware of [scammers pretending to be disaster workers](#).

## Member Spotlight: Richford pellet venture launched

Last year, Vermont Natural Forest Products, a VEC member in Richford, sold 300 tons of wood pellets for heating fuel. Next year their goal is to sell 3,000 tons. (Wow!) One step they've taken has been moving to a Time of Use (TOU) electric rate, so they can take advantage of lower-cost off-peak periods. [Read about their plans](#).

## Here's a big boost for EV charging at businesses

Have you ever considered installing an EV charger for employees at your business? The state recently announced [new funding](#) to support installations at businesses, as well as multi-unit dwellings and public attractions. In addition, VEC offers a separate [public charging incentive](#).

## Free energy assessments for cities and towns

The state's now offering free energy assessments to municipalities. [The Municipal Energy Resilience Program \(MERP\)](#) will prioritize municipalities most in need of energy-resilient infrastructure investments, including energy-burdened communities and communities with less administrative capacity to apply for grants. Municipalities should contact their regional planning commission for help applying.

## Keeping our community safe

Safety is about communications. When you have good communications, you build trust. [And when you have trust, you can do a lot of good things.](#) (video)



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