

STATE OF VERMONT  
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Case No. 23-3604-PET

Petition of Vermont Public Power Supply Authority for approval of a proposed EV/EVSE tariff rider program for its member utilities	
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Order entered: 06/28/2024

**ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE ELECTRIC VEHICLE RATES**

This case concerns a petition filed with the Vermont Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) by the Vermont Public Power Supply Authority (“VPPSA”)<sup>1</sup> for approval of a proposed Electric Vehicle/Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment tariff rider program (“EV/EVSE Tariff Rider Program” or the “Program”) for its member utilities pursuant to Section 33 of Act 55 of 2021.<sup>2</sup> On May 2, 2024, the Commission issued an order providing guidance to VPPSA on the tariff design concept but did not approve or reject the tariff. In today’s order the Commission grants VPPSA an extension of time to September 30, 2024, for its member utilities to file EV tariffs.

**I. PROCEDURAL HISTORY**

October 16, 2023, VPPSA filed the petition, prefiled testimony, and exhibits describing its EV tariff design concept.

On May 2, 2024, the Commission issued an order providing guidance on VPPSA’s EV tariff design concept. The Commission neither approved nor rejected VPPSA’s tariff filing and did not reach any conclusions on whether the Program meets the goals articulated in Section 33 of Act 55. The Commission advised VPPSA to file a request for an extension of time if it required additional time to consider the Commission’s order.

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<sup>1</sup> VPPSA’s member utilities are: Barton Village, Inc., Electric Department; Village of Enosburg Falls Electric Department; Town of Hardwick Electric Department; Jacksonville Electric Company; Village of Johnson Water & Light Department; Village of Ludlow Electric Light Department; Town of Lyndon Electric Department; Village of Morrisville Water & Light Department; Town of Northfield Electric Department; Village of Orleans Electric Department; and Village of Swanton, Inc., Electric Department.

<sup>2</sup> Public Act No. 55 (2021 Vt., Bien. Sess.) (“Act 55”).

On June 21, 2024, VPPSA filed a motion requesting an extension of time because it does not currently have the technical capability to implement the Program. VPPSA requested that the Commission conclude that VPPSA has demonstrated good cause to extend the deadline for filing EV tariffs to September 30, 2024. Pursuant to Commission Rule 2.206(K), VPPSA states that it has shared a copy of its motion with the Vermont Department of Public Service (“Department”) in advance and was informed that “the Department does not object and consents to the motion.”

## **II. DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSION**

Section 33(e) of Act 55 allows for extensions of the June 30, 2024, deadline for EV-rate implementation for good cause:

The Public Utility Commission may grant a petitioning electric distribution utility an extension of the June 30, 2024, implementation deadline. An extension may only be granted in response to a petition if the Public Utility Commission finds that the electric distribution utility’s inability to meet the June 30, 2024, implementation deadline is due to a technical inability to implement a PEV rate, adverse economic impacts to ratepayers that would result from the implementation of a PEV rate, or other good cause demonstrated. The length of the extension shall be directly related to the demonstrated need for the extension.


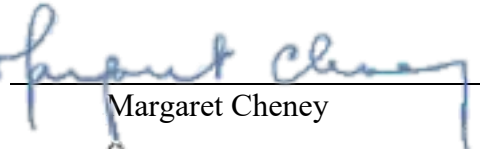
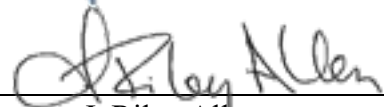
VPPSA states in its request for an extension that it does not have the technical ability to implement the Program at this time. VPPSA explains that it will take 18 weeks to design, develop, and deploy the Program components necessary to prepare and file the EV tariffs. These components include software development, billing system upgrades, and enrollment procedures. VPPSA requested an extension until September 30, 2024, for its member utilities to file EV tariffs. VPPSA states that it will be able to solidify the final implementation schedule when the Commission has acted on those tariff filings. VPPSA also notes that a further extension may be required to implement the technology needed to implement the tariffs once approved.

In our May 2, 2024, order, we provided guidance on VPPSA’s EV tariff design concept. VPPSA has requested an extension as contemplated by the Commission in that order. Although VPPSA’s member utilities do not presently have the technical ability to implement EV rates, VPPSA has demonstrated that it is working diligently toward filing tariffs while it considers the guidance provided by the Commission earlier in this proceeding. Accordingly, we find good

cause to grant an extension of time for VPPSA's member utilities to file EV tariffs to September 30, 2024.

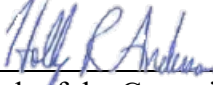
**SO ORDERED.**

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 28th day of June, 2024.

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Margaret Cheney )	
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J. Riley Allen )	

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

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Clerk of the Commission

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*Appeal of this decision to the Supreme Court of Vermont must be filed with the Clerk of the Commission within 30 days. Appeal will not stay the effect of this Order, absent further order by this Commission or appropriate action by the Supreme Court of Vermont. Motions for reconsideration or stay, if any, must be filed with the Clerk of the Commission within 28 days of the date of this decision and Order.*

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