



State of Vermont
Public Utility Commission

MEMORANDUM

To: Parties in PUC Case Number 17-4999-INV
From: John Gerhard and Michael Tousley, Commission Staff
Re: Restructuring Proceeding
Date: October 8, 2019

This memorandum concerns Case No. 17-4999-INV, a proceeding before the Vermont Public Utility Commission ("Commission") regarding Commission Rule 3.300.

On October 1, 2019, the Vermont Department of Public Service ("Department") filed comments and recommendations that, if adopted, would change the character of this proceeding in significant ways. The Department asked the Commission to:

1. Comprehensively revise Commission Rule 3.300 beyond the scope of what this proceeding has until now considered;
2. Broaden the scope of Rule 3.300 and this investigation to include standards and billing practices; credit, collections, and deposits; and both residential and nonresidential accounts, with the goal being to prevent potential inconsistencies between an updated Rule 3.300 and Rules 3.200 and 3.400; and
3. Allow the Department to file a new proposed Rule for Commission consideration by January 30, 2020, and then a revised version of that proposal by March 30, 2020.

The Commission asks participants of this proceeding to comment on the Department's recommendations, specifically:

1. Whether participants support or oppose the Department's recommendations about expanding the proceeding's scope and the reason for that support/opposition.¹
2. Whether a stay of the current schedule makes sense until the Department's recommendations are either adopted or rejected.
3. Whether it makes sense to schedule a status conference to discuss options for the future of this proceeding.

Filings should be submitted by no later than **October 18, 2019**, via ePUC in Case No. 17-4999-INV.

¹ Participants should not reply to the Department's comments on the utilities' redline proposed Rule edits; those comments are due October 25, 2019.

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