

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Petition of Washington Electric	)	
Cooperative, Inc. ("WEC"), for approval	)	
of Rate Design Changes and a Change	)	Case No. 19-1270-TF
in Rate Schedules Pursuant to 30	)	
V.S.A. § 225 and 226	)	
effective June 17, 2019	)	

WEC'S SECOND MOTION FOR ENLARGEMENT OF TIME

Washington Electric Cooperative, Inc. (WEC), pursuant to PUC Rule 2.207 and V.R.C.P. 6(b) moves to enlarge the time set for filing its revised tariffs.

On December 23, 2019, the PUC extended the deadline for WEC to file tariffs reflecting its Order Approving Rate Design with Implementation in Three Phases (12/23/19) to January 17, 2020. The PUC's Order Re: Tariff Filing Deadline was based, in part, on WEC's stated need to coordinate the rate design implementation with a pending request for a 5.95% rate increase in Case No. 19-4576-TF.

WEC seeks to further enlarge the deadline for filing tariff sheets to 10 days after the PUC issues a merits decision in Case No. 19-4576-TF. WEC's pending 5.95% rate increase is not suspended. 30 V.S.A. § 226(b). Effective January 1, 2020, WEC implemented this rate increase as a temporary surcharge. WEC will have to refund this surcharge to its members to the extent that the PUC approves an increase less than the full 5.95%. Id. Further, the Department recommended, and the Commission opened, an investigation into WEC's requested rate increase. Case No. 19-4576-TF, Order Opening Investigation and Notice of Scheduling Conference (12/30/2019). While, to date, the Department has no significant dispute with WEC's

requested rate increase, the Department's continuing review, discovery, prefiled testimony and the hearing process do not provide the timing and certainty that that mesh with filing tariff sheets for the approved rate design.

After internal discussion and discussion with the Department of Public Service, WEC has concluded that it would be overly complex and confusing for these tariff sheets to address a pending rate increase and the potential for a refund if the full 5.95% increase is not approved on top of the approved rate design's several elements.

To be clear, WEC is anxious to implement the approved rate design as soon as possible. This rate design is important to WEC and its members. WEC asserts it makes sense to implement the rate design after there is certainty on the underlying rates.

I consulted with the Department on January 8 and 9, 2020. It is my understanding that the Department does not object to this request and will file a separate response.

January 9, 2020

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