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STATE OF VERMONT

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Docket No. 20-0703-PET

Vermont Legal Aid Request for Moratorium on	)
Utility and Telecommunications Shutoffs During	)
State of Emergency	)

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REQUEST TO EXTEND THE TEMPORARY MORATORIUM

The Public Utility Commission ("Commission") extended the temporary moratorium on certain utility disconnections ("Temporary Moratorium") until July 31, 2020, by Order dated May 28, 2020. The Temporary Moratorium has provided relief from involuntary disconnection for vulnerable Vermonters who have been impacted, financially and otherwise, by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Vermonters' health and wellness and economic security have been dramatically impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The Temporary Moratorium has provided an important health and safety protection during this period of uncertainty, which will continue to exist after July 31. Accordingly, the Department of Public Service requests that the Commission extend the Temporary Moratorium until September 30, 2020.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont this 22nd day of July, 2020.

VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE

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