

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Docket No. 20-2369-RULE

Proposed revisions to Vermont Public)
Utility Commission Rule 2)

HILL ATTORNEY PLLC CONCURRENCE WITH DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE
REQUEST TO EXTEND COMMENT PERIOD

On August 27, 2020, the Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) issued an Order Opening Rulemaking (“Order”) initiating a proceeding to review Commission Rule 2 which included a draft of the changes proposed by the Commission. The Order required the submission of comments by October 2, 2020.

As Order requested that the Department of Public Service (“Department”) review the Rule and the proposed changes. On October 2, 2020, the Department requested a 2 week extension of the deadline for comment submission, to October 16, 2020 as the Department has been consumed with the establishment and oversight of COVID related programs and requires additional time.

As this Commission is aware, the law office of Hill Attorney PLLC has represented a number of municipalities as well as adjoining landowners in PUC siting cases. There are relatively few firms representing host towns in proceedings of this type, and input from the perspective of municipal practice will be of value to this Commission in formulating its new practice rules. However, for similar reasons, and specifically due to a period of Covid quarantine, it is not possible to finalize and submit those comments by close of business today. The two week extension requested by the Department would allow the Commission to receive the necessary Department comments and also to receive comments from a wider array of entities

including input from the municipal perspective from this office. I therefore join the Department's request for extension.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont this 2nd day of October, 2020.

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