

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Case No. 19-1270-TF

Washington Electric Cooperative tariff filing for rate design changes and a change in rate schedules to be effective on services rendered beginning June 17, 2019	
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**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE'S RESPONSE TO WEC'S MOTION TO
AMEND ORDER OR ENLARGE TIME**

On November 4, 2020, the Washington Electric Cooperative, Inc. (WEC) filed a motion with the Public Utility Commission (Commission) to amend the Commission's December 19, 2019 final order from this proceeding. Specifically, WEC requests that the Commission allow WEC to satisfy its obligation to pursue a low-income support program through the Commission's broader investigation into supporting low-income ratepayers in Case No. 20-0203-INV (which is currently stayed until January 1, 2021 as a result of the ongoing pandemic).

The Department of Public Service (Department) supports WEC's motion. The ongoing investigation in Case No. 20-0203-INV will benefit from active participation by WEC. The Department also agrees with WEC that, to the extent feasible, it would be more efficient to address issues related to supporting low-income customers in single proceeding instead of piecemeal litigation involving individual utilities. Therefore, the Department recommends that the Commission grant WEC's motion.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 12th day of November, 2020.

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