

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Case No. 19-1270-TF

Washington Electric Cooperative, Inc.'s, 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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Order entered: 12/10/2020

ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO AMEND COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENT

On November 4, 2020, Washington Electric Cooperative Inc. (“WEC”) filed a motion to amend the Vermont Public Utility Commission’s Order Approving Rate Design with Implementation in Three Phases issued on December 19, 2019.

Paragraph 4 of the Order reads as follows:

WEC shall consult and collaborate with the [Vermont Department of Public Service] (“Department”) on developing a program to support low-income members. WEC shall report back to the Commission on these efforts within 12 months after the issuance of this Order. This filing shall be made in a new case in ePUC.

WEC requests that Paragraph 4 of the Order be changed to read:

WEC shall consult and collaborate with the Department on developing a program to support low-income members. WEC may accomplish this consultation and collaboration through its good-faith participation in Case No. 20-0203-INV (the Commission’s investigation into the establishment of reduced rates for low-income residential ratepayers of Vermont electric utilities). Alternatively, WEC shall report back to the Commission on these efforts within 12 months after Case No. 20-0203-INV is closed. This filing shall be made in a new case in ePUC.

On November 12, 2020, the Department filed comments in support of WEC’s motion to amend the compliance requirement. The Department states that the ongoing investigation in Case No. 20-0203-INV will benefit from active participation by WEC. The Department agrees with WEC that, to the extent feasible, it would be more efficient to address issues related to supporting low-income customers in a single proceeding instead of piecemeal litigation involving individual utilities.

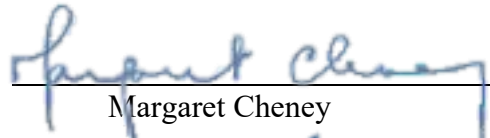
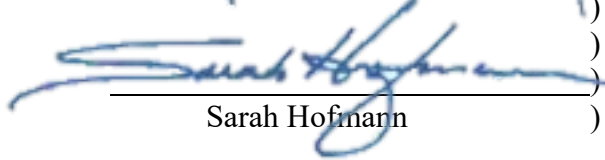
We have reviewed WEC’s motion and the Department’s comments on the motion. We are persuaded that it is appropriate for WEC to fulfill the compliance requirement related to

working with the Department on developing a low-income program via its participation in Case No. 20-0203-INV. To ensure WEC's compliance is consistent with the Commission's expectations, Paragraph 4 of the December 19, 2019, Order is revised as follows:

WEC shall consult and collaborate with the Department on developing a program to support low-income members. WEC will accomplish this consultation and collaboration through its good-faith participation in Case No. 20-0203-INV (the Commission's investigation into the establishment of reduced rates for low-income residential ratepayers of Vermont electric utilities).

SO ORDERED.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 10th day of December, 2020.

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Filed: December 10, 2020

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Appeal of this decision to the Supreme Court of Vermont must be filed with the Clerk of the Commission within 30 days. Appeal will not stay the effect of this Order, absent further order by this Commission or appropriate action by the Supreme Court of Vermont. Motions for reconsideration or stay, if any, must be filed with the Clerk of the Commission within 28 days of the date of this decision and Order.

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