

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Case No. 20-0703-PET

Vermont Legal Aid request for moratorium on utility and telecommunications shutoffs during State of Emergency	
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Order entered: 12/14/2020

**ORDER REQUESTING COMMENTS REGARDING THE PROPOSED
REINSTATEMENT OF A TEMPORARY DISCONNECTION MORATORIUM**

This proceeding concerns a petition from Vermont Legal Aid to the Vermont Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) requesting the halt of involuntary utility disconnections during the current state of emergency in Vermont because of the COVID-19 pandemic. In today’s Order, the Commission requests comments on whether to reinstate the temporary moratorium on utility disconnections.

On March 18, 2020, the Commission granted Vermont Legal Aid’s original request for a temporary disconnection moratorium on utility disconnections. The Commission later extended the moratorium on several occasions. In an October 8, 2020, Order, the Commission announced that it would lift the moratorium, effective October 15, 2020.

On December 11, 2020, Vermont Legal Aid moved that the Commission reinstate the temporary moratorium on utility disconnections.

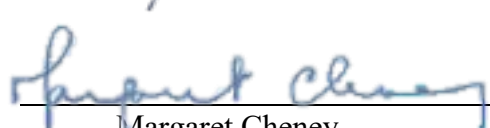
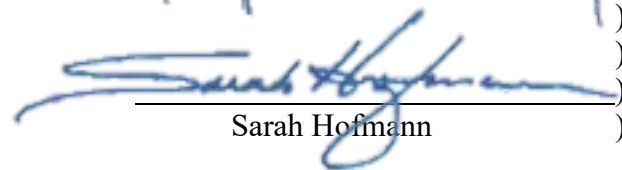
On December 14, 2020, the Vermont Department of Public Service also moved that the Commission reinstate the temporary moratorium on utility disconnections.

Also on December 14, 2020, eleven Vermont organizations (Vermont Public Interest Research Group, 350 VT, AARP Vermont, Capstone Community Action, Community Action Works, Rights & Democracy, Seventh Generation, Vermont Affordable Housing Coalition, Vermont Conservation Voters, Vermont Low Income Advocacy Council, and the Vermont Natural Resources Council) filed comments in support of the pending motions.

We ask that any comments on this proposed reinstatement, including any objections and any requests for a hearing or for any other process, **be filed no later than December 18, 2020.**

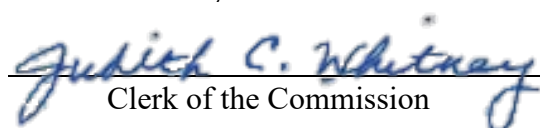
SO ORDERED.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 14th day of December, 2020

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 _____ Margaret Cheney	)	COMMISSION
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	)	OF VERMONT
 _____ Sarah Hofmann	)	

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

Filed: December 14, 2020

Attest: 

Clerk of the Commission

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