

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Case No. 20-2369-RULE

Proposed revisions to Vermont Public Utility Commission Rule 2	
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Order entered: 12/17/2020

PROCEDURAL ORDER SETTING AGENDA FOR DECEMBER 18, 2020, WORKSHOP

On August 27, 2020, the Vermont Public Utility Commission issued an order opening a rulemaking to begin a review of Commission Rule 2. We have so far received two rounds of comments from participants. We are holding the first of a series of workshops in this matter on Friday, December 18, 2020, at 9:30 a.m., via GoToMeeting.

Participants and members of the public may access the workshop online at <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/563580781>, or call in using the following information: Phone Number: 1-866-899-4679; Access Code: 563-580-781. Participants may wish to download the GoToMeeting software application in advance of the workshop at <https://global.gotomeeting.com/install/563580781>. Guidance on how to join the meeting and system requirements may be found at <https://www.gotomeeting.com/meeting/online-meeting-support>.

The Commission has found that remote workshops work best when they follow a specific agenda. After reading through all the comments filed to date, Commission staff has identified five specific topics to discuss at this initial workshop. Please note that this list of topics is based only on an analysis by Commission staff of which proposed changes to Rule 2 would benefit the most from additional discussion. The selection of these topics does not in any way indicate that the Commission is uninterested in, or has rejected in any way, the other matters raised by those who have filed comments. For instance, some comments have made straightforward suggestions that others agree with (or do not oppose), and Commission staff understands those suggestions and feels prepared to evaluate them without further discussion. We are actively reviewing all comments and will continue to do so as the rulemaking progresses.

Although participants are free to suggest changes to the agenda for this meeting, the current plan is to divide our time as follows:

9:15 AM – 9:30 AM	Pre-workshop meeting to address any technical concerns.
9:30 AM – 9:45 AM	Roll call, introductory statements by Commission staff, and addressing any proposed changes to the agenda.
9:45 AM – 10:00 AM	Public comments by anyone who cannot stay for the workshop.
10:00 AM – 10:45 AM	Topic 1: Discuss proposal to incorporate the Vermont Rules of Civil Procedure directly into Rule 2 (rather than by reference).
10:45 AM – 11:00 AM	Break
11:00 AM – 11:30 AM	Topic 2: Discuss proposed page and discovery limits, including whether to apply them to economic regulation cases (like tariffs).
11:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Topic 3: Discuss proposed changes to <i>ex parte</i> communications regarding discussions between Commission staff and others.
12:00 PM – 1:15 PM	Break
1:15 PM – 1:45 PM	Topic 4: Discuss proposed changes to the requirements for intervention.
1:45 PM – 2:15 PM	Topic 5: Discuss proposed changes to the deadline for objecting to the admissibility of evidence.
2:15 PM – 2:30 PM	Break
2:30 PM – 3:30 PM	Final comments and discussion of next steps.

SO ORDERED.

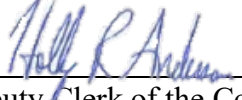
Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 17th day of December, 2020.



Kyle H. Landis-Marinello
Hearing Officer

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

Filed: December 17, 2020

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Deputy Clerk of the Commission

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