

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

CASE NUMBER 21-5254-TF

TARIFF FILING OF GREEN MOUNTAIN POWER CORPORATION
FOR EXTENSION OF BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE PROGRAM AND
ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM SERVICE TARIFFS EFFECTIVE ON
BILLS RENDERED ON OR AFTER JANUARY 29, 2022

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1 HEARING OFFICER POPPITI: Good morning.
2 This is a scheduling conference in Case Number
3 21-5254-PET, the investigation into the tariff filing
4 of Green Mountain Power Corporation for extension of
5 their bring your own device program and energy
6 storage system service tariffs effective on bills
7 rendered on or after January 29, 2022. I think we're
8 getting a little bit of an echo. Okay I think we're
9 okay now.

10 My name is Andrea Poppiti and the
11 Commission has appointed me to be the hearing officer
12 at today's proceeding, and with me is Joan White. If
13 a party or participant intends to record today's
14 conference via video or audio, please indicate this
15 when you provide your name for the court reporter.
16 So I'll start by taking appearances starting with the
17 Department.

18 MR. PORTER: Thank you. Jim Porter on
19 behalf of the Department of Public Service.

20 MR. HAND: Good morning. This is Geoff
21 Hand from Dunkiel Saunders on behalf of GMP and with
22 me is Josh Castonguay from GMP.

23 HEARING OFFICER POPPITI: Mr. Dowds.

24 MR. DOWDS: Jonathan Dowds, Renewable
25 Energy Vermont.

1 HEARING OFFICER POPPITI: Okay. Great.
2 I think that's everyone. So because we're in the
3 COVID-19 pandemic we are limiting in-person contact
4 and we're doing this remotely. I think that everyone
5 on the call has participated in a remote hearing or
6 scheduling conference with the Commission, but if
7 there's any questions about procedures and whatnot,
8 you can just let me know now. We just have a script
9 that includes some details about not speaking over
10 each other, et cetera, but I think we're okay to just
11 proceed unless there's any objections.

12 Okay. So we're here today because we
13 got REV's comment on January 18th, and we had GMP's
14 response on the 21st, and the Department's response
15 on the 24th, and basically we ran out of time to have
16 REV be able to have a response to GMP's and the
17 Department's comments. So I wanted to start off the
18 meeting asking REV if you have had a chance to say
19 everything that you wanted to say or if you wanted
20 the chance for another round of comments to clarify
21 some issues. So I guess I'll start with you, Mr.
22 Dowds, to see where things are right now from your
23 end.

24 MR. DOWDS: Thank you. As you mentioned
25 the timeline did get a little tight there at the end.

1 Since we submitted our comments and GMP responded we
2 have had a couple of very I would say productive
3 interactions with GMP, and I think that we are sort
4 of approaching a point where we have a mutually
5 satisfactory proposal that we can advance around
6 using a two-tiered tariff system that would resolve
7 the conflict between the investment tax credit and
8 bring your own device program. So from our
9 perspective if the timeline could allow for
10 GMP to develop that alternative tariff, and I don't
11 think it would take a great deal of time, I'll
12 certainly allow them to weigh in to do that so that
13 can be submitted as a package solution, I don't think
14 we would need a great deal of additional time.

15 HEARING OFFICER POPPITI: Okay. Thank
16 you. I would like to hear from GMP now.

17 MR. HAND: Yes, thank you and thank you,
18 Jonathan, for that background. As REV indicated, I
19 think there have been good productive conversations
20 between REV and GMP since those comments. Echo his
21 sentiment that there could be a relatively easy fix
22 here, and I think we may just need a little more time
23 to discuss that with REV and with the Department.
24 I'm not sure procedurally exactly how we would
25 accomplish that, either maybe withdrawing this

1 amended tariff and resubmitting one or just further
2 amending the tariff that's before the Commission. I
3 think what we had in mind is perhaps setting a date,
4 something like 30 days out, for a schedule or further
5 report back at least to give us time for that
6 discussion, and if we need to then propose a further
7 schedule we could do that at that time, but the hope
8 would be we would be able to file something that
9 everyone is in agreement resolves the issues that
10 have been raised in REV's comments.

11 HEARING OFFICER POPPITI: Okay. Thank
12 you. That is very helpful. I just saw someone
13 joined. Graham Turk. Could you state your name and
14 your affiliation for the record?

15 MR. TURK: Sure. This is Graham from
16 Green Mountain Power. I work with Josh in the
17 innovative program.

18 HEARING OFFICER POPPITI: Great.
19 Thanks. Okay. So if we look at the calendar --

20 MS. WHITE: Another person joined, Kyle
21 Wallace. We might want to have that person identify
22 themselves.

23 MR. WALLACE: Hello. Yes, Kyle Wallace
24 with Sunrun.

25 HEARING OFFICER POPPITI: Thank you.

1 Okay. So we were looking at a date for the parties
2 to file a schedule, a resolution, an update. Would
3 the first week of March be a good time to look at
4 there? Maybe March 8th is the Tuesday.

5 MR. HAND: I think that would work for
6 us.

7 MR. DOWDS: Yeah I think that would be
8 fine from REV's perspective as well.

9 HEARING OFFICER POPPITI: Okay. Great.
10 Okay. Are there any other issues that we should be
11 aware of as we're, you know, waiting for this to move
12 along?

13 MR. HAND: Not from our perspective.
14 Thank you.

15 HEARING OFFICER POPPITI: Okay, and the
16 Department, would you envision signing onto that or
17 would you like to have a date for responses to the
18 March 8th deadline?

19 MR. PORTER: Probably a safer bet for us
20 to have a response deadline shortly thereafter.

21 HEARING OFFICER POPPITI: Okay. So
22 maybe would you like a week until the 15th?

23 MR. PORTER: Right. That would be good.

24 HEARING OFFICER POPPITI: Okay, and that
25 will give a chance for -- if there's any separate

1 issues, for you to file at that time. Okay, and I
2 think that covers everything on our end. Let me just
3 take a look at my notes. Okay. Is there anything
4 else that we should discuss? Ms. White.

5 MS. WHITE: Yeah I'm just noticing Mr.
6 Wallace on the call. It might make sense to include
7 Sunrun and Mr. Wallace in the discussions of the
8 revised filing that would happen on the 8th just to
9 put that on people's radar unless of course he's
10 already in the loop.

11 MR. WALLACE: I think we would be all
12 right working through REV if that would be all right.
13 I don't think we need to be a separate entity.

14 MS. WHITE: Wonderful. I just wanted to
15 avoid a situation in which we had parties who didn't
16 have formal intervention status. Anyway okay.
17 Great. If REV has got you covered, then we're all
18 set.

19 HEARING OFFICER POPPITI: Thanks for
20 bringing that up. That was helpful to just get that
21 on the record and clarify it. So I'll issue a
22 scheduling conference order and we will look for
23 those filings, and to the extent we can include
24 proposed next steps or that GMP and REV can include
25 proposed next steps in there that would be great,

1 just so that we can keep this moving along nicely.
2 So I think that's everything unless anyone has
3 anything else to say today. Okay. Enjoy the almost
4 above freezing weather out there while it lasts.
5 Take care.

6 (Whereupon, the proceeding was
7 adjourned at 11:40 a.m.)
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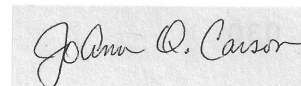
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I further certify that I am not related to any of the parties thereto or their Counsel, and I am in no way interested in the outcome of said cause.

Dated at Burlington, Vermont, this 8th day of February, 2022.



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