

**STATE OF VERMONT  
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Case No. 22-4100-TF

Petition of Washington Electric Cooperative,  
Inc. requesting an overall rate increase of  
14.19% to take effect on a service-rendered  
basis commencing November 1, 2022

**PREFILED DIRECT TESTIMONY OF  
BILL JORDAN  
ON BEHALF OF THE  
VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE**

January 24, 2023

Summary: Mr. Jordan discusses the Vermont Department of Public Service's review of the engineering components of Washington Electric Cooperative, Inc.'s request for a 14.19% rate increase. Mr. Jordan did not identify any engineering concerns in this case.

1   **Q1.   Please state your full name, address, and occupation.**

2   A1.   My name is Bill Jordan. I am the Director of Engineering at the Vermont  
3       Department of Public Service (“Department”). My business address is 112 State  
4       Street, Montpelier, Vermont 05620.

5   **Q2.   Please describe your educational background and experience.**

6   A2.   I have worked for the Department since February 2007, and I have held the  
7       positions of Electrical Engineer, Assistant Chief Engineer, and Director of  
8       Engineering. In my current role, I oversee the Department’s Division of  
9       Engineering, which includes Electrical, Gas Pipeline, and Nuclear Engineers.  
10      Since January 1, 2019, I have served as the Program Manager for the  
11      Department’s pipeline safety program. Prior to working for the Department, I  
12      worked for the Vermont Public Service Board (now the Public Utility  
13      Commission) as a Utilities Engineer. I hold both bachelor’s and master’s degrees  
14      in electrical engineering.

15   **Q3.   Have you previously testified before the Vermont Public Utility Commission**  
16      **(“Commission”)?**

17   A3.   Yes. I have provided testimony in numerous cases, most recently in Case No. 22-  
18      4668-PET.

19   **Q4.   What is the purpose of your testimony in this proceeding?**

20   A4.   My testimony describes my review of the engineering components of Washington  
21      Electric Cooperative, Inc.’s (“WEC”) request for a 14.19% rate increase.

22   **Q5.   Please describe your findings and conclusions.**

1    A5.    I have reviewed testimony from engineering perspective and did not identify any  
2            concerns in this area. The reasons for the proposed rate increase are not due to  
3            large capital projects or maintenance expenditures that would involve  
4            engineering, but are mostly power supply, labor, taxes, etc.

5    **Q6.    Does this conclude your testimony?**

6    A6.    Yes, it does.