

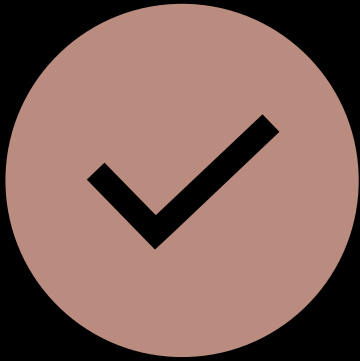


RULE 5.500 WORKSHOP RE: APPLICATION SUBMITTAL PROCEDURES

Vermont Public Utility Commission Case No. 19-0856-RULE

January 26, 2023

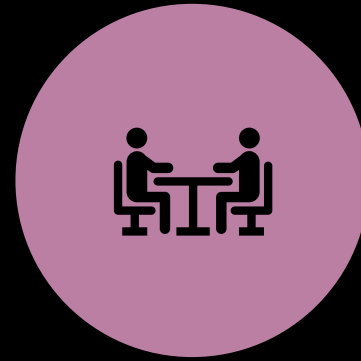
AGENDA



REVIEW CURRENT
PROCEDURES



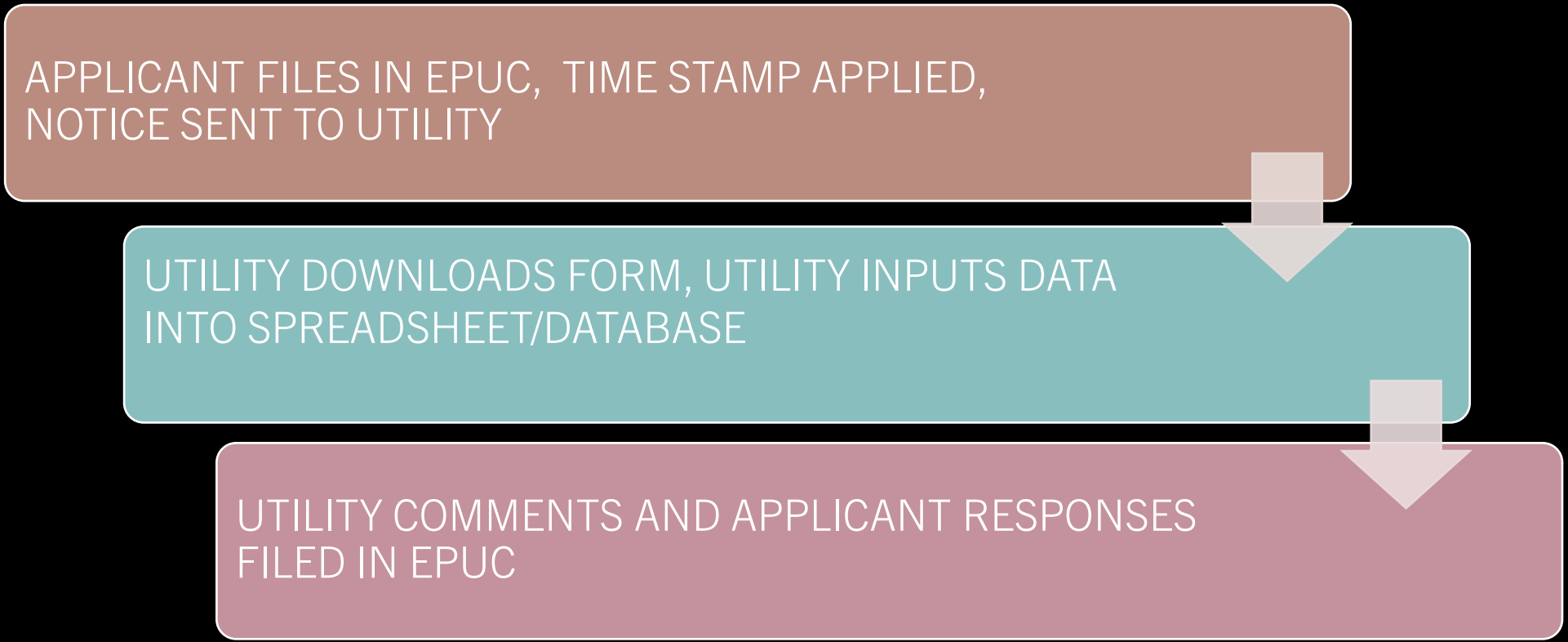
VELCO'S COMMENT'S RE:
DIGITAL APPLICATION FORMS



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

CURRENT PROCEDURES: NET-METERING (5.105 AND 5.106 PROJECTS)

APPLICANT FILES IN EPUC, TIME STAMP APPLIED,
NOTICE SENT TO UTILITY



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graph TD; A[APPLICANT FILES IN EPUC, TIME STAMP APPLIED, NOTICE SENT TO UTILITY] --> B[UTILITY DOWNLOADS FORM, UTILITY INPUTS DATA INTO SPREADSHEET/DATABASE]; B --> C[UTILITY COMMENTS AND APPLICANT RESPONSES FILED IN EPUC];
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**CURRENT
PROCEDURES:
NET-METERING
(5.107
PROJECTS) AND
OTHER
RESOURCES**

- Applicant submits Rule 5.500 standard application form directly to utility with fee
- Utility applies timestamp
- Utility inputs data into spreadsheet or database
- Utility conveys study results directly to applicant
- Commission only involved if there is a dispute

VELCO COMMENTS

“While there appears to be no prohibitions in the current draft rule on digitizing interconnection applications, we urge the Commission to make this explicit.”

“Reorienting data collection practices around web forms would be an important foundational step toward the development of a standardized statewide DER data registry.”

Recognized that ePUC “was designed to serve PUC administrative needs, not utility planning, operational, and engineering needs.”

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Are the distribution utilities willing and able to digitize their interconnection application forms?
- If utility is using a digital application form, is it fair to require customers to use it or should there still be a paper form option?
- Are there any portions of Rule 5.500 that need to be revised to allow utilities to accept or require digital application forms? (5.502's definition of application, 5.506)
- If a utility is using a digital application form, should the Commission continue to receive interconnection applications in ePUC for net-metering systems located in that service territory?

NEXT STEPS

Written comments following up on the issues discussed today may be submitted in ePUC

Staff is waiting for a filing addressing an inverter setting verification solution