

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Case No. 19-0856-RULE

Proposed revisions to Vermont Public Utility Commission Rule 5.500	
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Order entered: 02/29/2024

ORDER DENYING REQUEST TO DELAY IMPLEMENTATION

On February 23, 2024, Renewable Energy Vermont (“REV”) requested a temporary and time-limited delay of the implementation of Vermont Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) Rule 5.500 for one month. REV states that the delay is necessary “so Vermonters can continue to install energy storage systems while Interconnection Application forms are completed.”¹ According to REV, a delay would ensure that “there is no disruption to [Vermonters’] ability to add energy storage systems at an important time of year with an elevated risk of severe storms.”²

On February 23, 2024, Green Mountain Power Corporation filed a letter supporting REV’s request.

The Commission has adopted the standard application forms required by Commission Rule 5.502(4) in advance of the March 1, 2024, effective date.³ The revisions to Commission Rule 5.500 that take effect on March 1, 2024, create a utility interconnection review process that presently does not exist for storage facilities. REV should have anticipated that its members would need to go through the new review process before installing energy storage systems after the effective date of the rule. REV has not explained why it was unable to raise this issue before the rule was adopted or afterwards in January when the Commission was finalizing the application forms.

Even if the application forms had been adopted 31 days in advance of the effective date of the rule, the interconnection rule does not require utilities to accept and review applications for new storage facilities before March 1, 2024. Thus, the circumstances described in REV’s

¹ REV Request at 1.

² *Id.*

³ Case No. 19-0856-RULE, Order of 2/26/2024.

filing are not related to the timing of this transition period but are instead a foreseeable result of this rulemaking.

REV's request is denied.

SO ORDERED.

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