

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

CASE NUMBERS 24-1079-RULE AND 24-1080-RULE

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO DISCONNECT
RULES 3.300 AND 3.400

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1 HEARING OFFICER BURKE: Good evening.
2 This is a public hearing for the Vermont Public
3 Utility Commission's proposed amendments to
4 Commission Rules 3.300 and 3.400 which govern the
5 requirements for utility disconnections. My name is
6 Daniel Burke. I'm a Staff Attorney at the Commission
7 and I have been appointed by the Commission to work
8 on the proposed rule amendments and conduct tonight's
9 public hearing.

10 The purpose of this evening's hearing is
11 to provide an opportunity to hear input from the
12 public and affected utilities regarding the
13 Commission's proposed amendments to Rules 3.300 and
14 3.400. The comments received at this hearing will be
15 considered by the Commission in preparing the final
16 drafts of the proposed rules that will be filed with
17 the Vermont Secretary of State. Members of the
18 public can also provide written comments on the
19 proposed rule amendments using the Commission's
20 online document management system ePUC or by direct
21 mail or e-mail. You can file your comments in ePUC
22 in Case Number 24-1079-RULE or 24-1080-RULE. You may
23 also send comments by mail or e-mail to the clerk of
24 the Commission. Contact information for the clerk is
25 available on the Commission's web site which is

1 www.puc.vermont.gov. You can also subscribe to the
2 case numbers I just read out for ePUC which means you
3 will receive an email notification of any future
4 action on the proposed rule amendments.

5 This public hearing is being transcribed
6 by a court reporter this evening. That transcript,
7 along with comments received by the Commission, will
8 become part of the Commission's public file so that
9 the Commission members, staff, parties in this case
10 can consider these comments.

11 Anybody who would like to speak this
12 evening would you please keep your camera on. If you
13 plan to just listen, please keep your camera off so
14 that will make it easier for us to see the person who
15 is speaking. I also will not mute anybody's
16 microphone so if you are a member of the public here
17 tonight and do not plan on speaking, please try to
18 remember to keep your microphone muted. If you would
19 like to make a public comment, either raise your hand
20 on your camera or unmute your microphone or use the
21 raise hand function and I will call on the
22 individuals to speak based on the order they appear
23 on my screen. Also when you begin making any public
24 comments please identify yourself by your first and
25 last name for the court reporter so that will appear

1 on our transcript, and I do see that there are
2 several individuals here this evening; some from the
3 Department of Public Service and some from -- some
4 names I recognize from affected utilities or
5 companies.

6 Are there any members of the public that
7 are here this evening that would like to make
8 comments on the proposed rules? Miss Emery? No.
9 Okay. Thank you. I saw your camera come on, but if
10 you don't want to make a comment, that is perfectly
11 fine as well. Are there any individuals from the
12 regulated utilities or companies that are present
13 this evening that would like to make comments? And I
14 do note, Melissa Pierce, you are here on behalf of
15 Comcast. I will note I did see the comments Comcast
16 filed in ePUC so those have been reviewed. Is there
17 anybody else that would like to make any comments
18 this evening? Seeing no hands or nobody turning
19 their cameras on what I will propose to do it's 7:04
20 right now. I will suggest that we go off the record
21 and wait until about 7:10 to see if any additional
22 members of the public or any affected utilities come
23 and would like to make comments, and so with that,
24 JoAnn, I think we can go off the record for now and I
25 will come back on the record at 7:10.

1 (Recess.)

2 HEARING OFFICER BURKE: We're back on
3 the record now. It is 7:10. It does not appear to
4 me any additional members of the public have come to
5 tonight's public hearing, but is there anybody else
6 that is still on the call that would like to make any
7 comments this evening? Hearing nothing, I would like
8 to thank everyone who is here for attending this
9 evening, and just for the affected parties the status
10 of the rule is under I think the Administrative
11 Procedures Act I think we have to wait another seven
12 calendar days after tonight's public hearing for
13 additional comments to come in. Then I will be
14 presenting any proposed changes to the Commission and
15 hopefully getting the final draft of the rules to the
16 Secretary of State and starting the LCAR process
17 within a couple weeks, and hopefully that will be
18 resolved over the summer and we'll have the rules
19 finalized over the summer as soon as practical after
20 that. That's all we had to discuss this evening.
21 Mr. Wing, you had your hand up.

22 MR. WING: I'm sorry. I might have
23 misheard you. Per the APA you said that you needed
24 to accept comments for how much longer?

25 HEARING OFFICER BURKE: I think seven

1 calendar days. I would need to double-check that.

2 MR. WING: I'm pretty sure the order
3 issuing this invited written comments by the 31st.

4 HEARING OFFICER BURKE: Which is eight
5 calendar days.

6 MR. WING: Is that still in effect?

7 HEARING OFFICER BURKE: Yes. Whatever
8 is in the Commission's order would take effect. You
9 said the 31st?

10 MR. WING: I believe so.

11 HEARING OFFICER BURKE: Okay. Well that
12 would be eight calendar days from now so --

13 MR. WING: Okay.

14 HEARING OFFICER BURKE: It is in front
15 of the Commission. They do have a lot on their
16 docket right now, but hopefully I will have it in
17 front of them within a couple weeks.

18 MR. WING: Well the Department does not
19 have comments this evening. It may wish to make
20 comments by the written deadline.

21 HEARING OFFICER BURKE: I will bear that
22 in mind. Thank you, Alex. Thank you everyone. Have
23 a good evening and, JoAnn, we are all done so thank
24 you very much.

25 (Adjourned at 7:12 p.m.)

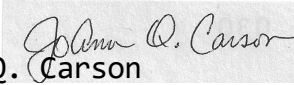
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I further certify that the foregoing
testimony was taken by me stenographically and thereafter
reduced to typewriting, and the foregoing six pages are a
transcript of the stenograph notes taken by me of the
evidence and the proceedings, to the best of my ability.

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 23rd day
of May, 2024.


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