

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

CASE NUMBER 24-0969-TF

TARIFF FILING OF WOODSTOCK AQUEDUCT COMPANY
FOR A CHANGE IN RATES, PURSUANT TO 30 V.S.A.
SECTION 225, EFFECTIVE FOR SERVICE RENDERED
ON OR AFTER MAY 16, 2024

June 6, 2024
7 p.m.

Public Hearing held before the Vermont Public
Utility Commission via Go To Meeting on June 6, 2024,
beginning at 7 p.m.

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1 HEARING OFFICER SCHILLING: Good evening
2 and thank you for being here. This is a Vermont
3 Public Utility Commission public hearing in Case
4 Number 24-0969-TF, tariff filing of Woodstock
5 Aqueduct Company for a change in rates. My name is
6 Elizabeth Schilling. I've been appointed to be
7 hearing officer for this case. Also in attendance
8 tonight is Commission staff member Andrea Poppiti who
9 is working on this case with me. Additionally there
10 are representatives of Woodstock Aqueduct Company,
11 petitioner in this proceeding. Would you each like
12 to introduce yourself?

13 MR. McCLAIN: Yeah thank you. My name
14 is Owen McClain from Sheehey Furlong & Behm and I
15 represent Woodstock Aqueduct and then Jireh Billings
16 from Woodstock Aqueduct is also here.

17 HEARING OFFICER SCHILLING: Okay thank
18 you, and there's also a representative from the
19 Vermont Department of Public Service, Attorney Eric
20 Guzman. Did you wish to say anything and introduce
21 yourself?

22 MR. GUZMAN: Sure. Good evening. Eric
23 Guzman on behalf of the Department of Public Service.
24 Thank you.

25 HEARING OFFICER SCHILLING: Thanks. The

1 Department is an automatic party in Commission cases
2 and is charged with representing the public interest.
3 Before we get started with the substantive portion of
4 the hearing this evening I would like to go over the
5 Commission standard procedures for web-based public
6 hearings.

7 So if at any point during the public
8 hearing attendees are having difficulties using Go To
9 Meeting, which is the platform used to conduct this
10 public hearing, you should immediately notify me or
11 Andrea by using the chat function in Go to Meeting or
12 e-mailing us. We can provide our emails in the chat.
13 Andrea, you can do that, great. Thank you. First I
14 just want you to know that Commission staff will not
15 mute anyone's microphone whether a party or a member
16 of the public, therefore, we ask that you keep self
17 on mute unless you're planning on speaking. If
18 you're planning to provide public comments tonight,
19 we request that you keep your camera turned on, and
20 if you're planning to just listen in, we request that
21 you keep your camera turned off so we can more easily
22 identify who wishes to speak. I'll ask each member
23 of the public whose cameras are on one at a time if
24 they would like to speak. I will also ask if there
25 is anyone participating by phone who wishes to speak.

1 Tonight's hearing is being transcribed
2 by a court reporter. Each time you begin talking
3 please identify yourself by name for the court
4 reporter and spell your name. If your internet
5 connection cuts out at any time, please try to rejoin
6 or call into the public hearing using the telephone
7 number that was provided in the public hearing
8 notice. The telephone number is in the chat. It's
9 1-646-749-3129. The access code 481532069. If at
10 any point anyone becomes aware of another party or
11 member of the public having trouble accessing the
12 video or audio feeds at this public hearing, please
13 let us know immediately. We will pause the public
14 hearing if necessary to try to resolve the issue.
15 Does anyone have any questions or concerns about
16 these procedures? All right. So I will get started
17 with the substantive portion of tonight's hearing.

18 So the purpose of tonight's hearing is
19 to provide an opportunity to hear input from the
20 public regarding Woodstock Aqueduct Company's
21 petition. The comments received at this hearing will
22 become part of the public record in this case. You
23 can also provide written comments using the
24 Commission's online document management system ePUC
25 or by direct mail or e-mail. Contact information is

1 provided on the Commission's web site and the link
2 for the Commission's web site will be added to the
3 chat. You can also subscribe to this case in ePUC
4 which means you will see an email notification of any
5 Commission order or filing made by a party in the
6 case. More information on how to participate in
7 Commission proceedings is available in the
8 information section of the Commission's web site.

9 As I stated earlier tonight's hearing is
10 being transcribed by a court reporter. This
11 transcript, along with all other comments received by
12 the Commission, become part of the case's public
13 files so that Commission members, staff, and parties
14 in the case can see the comments. The transcript
15 will be available in ePUC and the ePUC web site link
16 is in the chat. If a party or member of the public
17 is recording the public hearing, you have video or
18 audio, please indicate this when you provide your
19 name for the court reporter. Although public
20 comments do not become part of the formal evidence in
21 this case, they can be very helpful in raising new
22 issues or perspectives the Commission should consider
23 as we look forward to hearing your input tonight.

24 We'll now open the floor to public
25 comments. So we can proceed in an orderly fashion I

1 will call on those members of the public who would
2 like to speak, and so if any members of the public
3 are on the call tonight who would like to speak, I
4 would ask that you please turn your camera on now and
5 I will call on you, and if no one -- if no one turns
6 their camera on to speak right now, I'm going to wait
7 until 7:15. So I'll pause and wait until 7:15 to see
8 if anyone happens to join late. So right now I'm
9 not seeing any members of the public turning cameras
10 on so I'm going to give it until 7:15 and if no one
11 shows up to provide comment within that time frame,
12 then I will adjourn the public hearing, but let's
13 give folks a chance who might be a little late. I'm
14 going to turn my camera off and I'll stay here and
15 keep watching for new folks to join. Thanks.

16 (Recess.)

17 HEARING OFFICER SCHILLING: All right.
18 So it's now 7:15. No members of the public have come
19 to the public hearing to provide public comments. We
20 will adjourn. This is a reminder that the deadline
21 to file motions to intervene in this case is
22 Thursday, June 13, 2024 and I just want to thank all
23 of you for attending tonight. With that we are
24 adjourned. Thank you.

25 (Adjourned at 7:15 p.m.)

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, JoAnn Q. Carson, do hereby certify that I recorded by stenographic means the public hearing re: Case Number 24-0969-TF via Go To Meeting on June 6, 2024, beginning at 7 p.m.

I further certify that the foregoing testimony was taken by me stenographically and thereafter reduced to typewriting, and the foregoing 6 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 7th day of June, 2024.

JoAnn Q. Carson

Court Reporter

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