

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Case No. 24-1848-TF

Tariff filing of City of Burlington Electric Department requesting a 5.5% rate increase effective with service rendered on and after August 1, 2024	
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Order entered: 09/27/2024

SCHEDULING CONFERENCE ORDER

On June 14, 2024, the City of Burlington Electric Department (“BED”) filed a petition with the Vermont Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) requesting approval of a rate increase of 5.5% to be effective with service rendered on or after August 1, 2024.

On July 25, 2024, the Commission opened an investigation into BED’s rate request and appointed me to serve as Hearing Officer.

On August 19, 2024, I held a scheduling conference in this matter. Appearances were entered by Benjamin Civiletti, Esq., and Caroline Daniels, Esq., on behalf of the Department of Public Service; William F. Ellis, Esq., McNeil, Leddy & Sheahan, on behalf of BED. In addition, the scheduling conference was attended by James Gibbons, Director of Policy and Planning – BED, and Pike Porter.

After the scheduling conference, the parties developed the following joint proposed procedural schedule, which I adopt with modifications:^{1,2,3}

Date	Event
August 30, 2024	Department Serves Discovery on BED
October 4, 2024	BED Files Discovery Responses

¹ “Non-petitioners” are all parties to this case other than the petitioner; non-petitioners include intervenors and statutory parties.

² Along with the joint proposed procedural schedule, the Department represented that BED consents to waiving the seven-month requirement for the Commission to make its determination in this proceeding pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 227. If BED does not agree with the Department’s representation, then BED must file a written objection with the Commission within 14 days of the filing of this order.

³ To account for delays in scheduling the public hearing, I have shifted most of the schedule forward based on that date.

October 24, 2024	Public Hearing at 7:00 P.M. Information session to be hosted by the Department at 6:30 P.M.
October 31, 2024	Intervention Deadline
November 5, 2024	Responses to Motions to Intervene
November 6, 2024	Department Serves Discovery Round 2 on BED
November 8, 2024	Intervenors Serve Discovery on BED
November 20, 2024	BED Files Discovery Responses
December 11, 2024	Department and Other Non-petitioners File Direct Testimony
December 18, 2024	Written Discovery Served on Department and Other Non-petitioners
January 8, 2025	Department and Other Non-petitioners File Discovery Responses
January 22, 2025	BED Files Rebuttal Testimony
January 29, 2025	Written Discovery Served on BED
February 5, 2025	BED Files Discovery Responses
February 19, 2025	Department and Other Non-petitioners File Surrebuttal Testimony
February 24, 2025	Evidentiary Hearing
March 12, 2025	Direct Briefs
March 19, 2025	Reply Briefs

If motions for summary judgment are filed in this case, then, consistent with Commission Rule 2.219(B) and unless different deadlines are established by the Commission, (1) responses are due 30 days after the motion is filed; and (2) replies to any responses are due 14 days after the responses are filed. If motions to dismiss are filed in this case, then, consistent with Commission Rule 2.206(E), (1) responses are due 30 days after the motion is filed; and (2) replies to any responses are due 14 days after the responses are filed.⁴ For any other motions, then, consistent with Commission Rule 2.206(E) and unless different deadlines are established by the Commission, (1) responses are due 14 days after the motion is filed; and (2) replies to any responses are due 14 days after the responses are filed. Consistent with Commission Rule 2.206(F), surreplies may only be filed with permission from the Commission.

Parties are reminded that documents submitted in pdf format should be in an “unlocked” format, i.e., searchable and extractable, rather than in an image format.

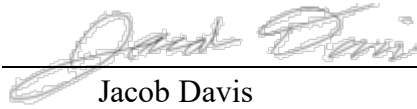
Members of the public interested in this proceeding may participate by submitting public comments or by intervening as a formal party to the case. Members of the public may also simply monitor the Commission’s actions in a specific case. Guidance on how to monitor, comment on, or actively participate in Commission proceedings is available in the document “Public Participation and Intervention in Proceedings before the Public Utility Commission,” which is available on the Commission’s website at: <https://puc.vermont.gov/document/public-participation-and-intervention-proceedings-public-utility-commission>.

Pursuant to 30 V.S.A. §§ 20 and 21, BED will be responsible for court reporter costs incurred by the Commission during the course of this proceeding and billed back to BED.

SO ORDERED.

⁴ Commission Rule 2.206(E) provides the Commission with discretion to set response and reply deadlines that differ from the 14 days normally provided by that rule.

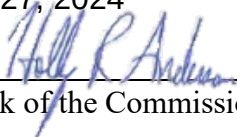
Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 27th day of September, 2024.



Jacob Davis
Hearing Officer

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

Filed: September 27, 2024

Attest: 
Clerk of the Commission

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