

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

CASE NO. 24-3432-TF

TARIFF FILING OF VERMONT ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE
INC. FOR APPROVAL OF A 4.84% RATE INCREASE TO BE
EFFECTIVE WITH SERVICE RENDERED ON OR AFTER
JANUARY 1, 2025

January 10, 2025
9:30 a.m.

Via videoconference

Scheduling Conference held before the
Vermont Public Utility Commission, via videoconference, on
January 10, 2025, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

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1 HEARING OFFICER DAVIS: Good morning.
2 This is a scheduling conference in Case No.
3 24-3432-TF which involves the tariff filing of
4 Vermont Electric Co-op requesting an overall rate
5 increase of 4.84 percent to be effective on service
6 rendered on or after September 5, 2024.

7 My name is Jacob Davis. I'm a
8 utilities analyst for the commission. I've been
9 assigned as the hearing officer for this case.

10 I'll start by taking appearances
11 starting with the Department of Public Service.

12 MR. CIVILETTI: Good morning. This is
13 Ben Civiletti for the Department, and I'm joined
14 today by Matthew Bakerpoole.

15 HEARING OFFICER DAVIS: Thank you.
16 Next, Vermont Electric Co-op.

17 MS. SCHWARTZ: Good morning. This is
18 Thea Schwartz, corporate counsel for the Co-op.

19 HEARING OFFICER DAVIS: Thank you. So
20 thank you very much for filing the joint schedule --
21 proposed schedule in this case. It looks pretty good
22 to me.

23 I also appreciate the letter that was
24 filed with it that waives the seven-month deadline,
25 if it does apply. In the order opening the

1 investigation in this case, the commission on page 3
2 has a footnote that talks about that, that we are
3 trying to put in all of our newer orders to kind of
4 address that. Just to let you know, I think you saw
5 it, but in case you didn't, that's where some of the
6 information would be.

7 In terms of the public hearing and
8 information session, I saw those dates that don't
9 work. But as long as somewhere around the 10th
10 works, I think we will be able to -- still works I
11 mean -- I think we will be able to figure that out.

12 Does it still work for Vermont Electric
13 Co-op and the Department?

14 MS. SCHWARTZ: Yes. And I've also been
15 told, and I'm new to this, but I have been told as
16 soon as I know the date to convey it to them so they
17 can get the information to their members as soon as
18 possible.

19 HEARING OFFICER DAVIS: Okay. Awesome.
20 Yeah. That would be great. And in addition to the
21 bill inserts, if you have -- I think there is a
22 newsletter that Vermont Electric Co-op has. It would
23 be great to be able to put it in that and maybe on
24 the website --

25 MS. SCHWARTZ: Yes.

1 HEARING OFFICER DAVIS: -- if that's
2 possible. Otherwise, if there aren't any other
3 concerns about the schedule or changes to it, then I
4 think we are in a good place with this one. So
5 anything else?

6 MR. CIVILETTI: Nothing for the
7 Department.

8 MS. SCHWARTZ: Nothing further.

9 HEARING OFFICER DAVIS: Awesome. Well
10 thank you all very much. Have a great weekend, and
11 I'll go ahead and adjourn the scheduling conference.

12 (Whereupon, the proceeding was
13 adjourned at 9:35 a.m.)
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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Kim U. Sears, do hereby certify that I recorded by stenographic means the Scheduling Conference re: Case No. 24-3432-TF, via videoconference, on January 10, 2025, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

I further certify that the foregoing testimony was taken by me stenographically and thereafter reduced to typewriting and the foregoing 5 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 Williston, Vermont, this 10th day of January, 2025.

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kim U. Sears". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

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