

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 on January 1, 2025	
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Order entered: 01/23/2025

SCHEDULING CONFERENCE ORDER

On November 15, 2024, Vermont Electric Cooperative (“VEC”) filed a petition with the Vermont Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) requesting approval of a rate increase of 4.84% to be effective with service rendered on or after January 1, 2025.

On December 30, 2024, the Commission opened an investigation into the rate increase.

On January 10, 2025, I held a scheduling conference in this matter. Appearances were entered by Thea Schwartz, Esq. on behalf of VEC, and Benjamin Civiletti, Esq., on behalf of the Vermont Department of Public Service (“Department”).

The parties submitted a proposed procedural schedule in advance of the scheduling conference and on January 22, 2025, VEC submitted a revised proposed procedural schedule that corrected a date. I adopt that revised schedule below:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
January 23, 2025	First round of discovery to be served on VEC
February 10, 2025	Public Hearing at 7:00 P.M. Information session to be hosted by the Department at 6:30 P.M.
February 13, 2025	VEC to file responses to first round of discovery
February 20, 2025	Deadline for motions to intervene
February 25, 2025	Deadline for responses to motions to intervene
February 27, 2025	Department/intervenors discovery to be served on VEC

March 13, 2025	VEC to file responses to Department/intervenor discovery
April 3, 2025	Department/intervenors to file direct testimony
April 11, 2025	Discovery to be served on Department/intervenors
April 24, 2025	Department/intervenors to file responses to discovery
May 1, 2025	VEC to file rebuttal testimony
May 8, 2025	Department/intervenors to file discovery on VEC
May 15, 2025	VEC to file responses to discovery
May 29, 2025	Department/intervenors to file surrebuttal testimony
Week of June 9, 2025	Evidentiary hearing
June 30, 2025	Initial briefs due
July 11, 2025	Reply briefs due

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.¹ 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.

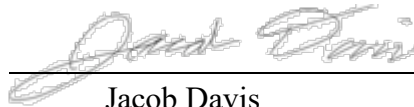
¹ Commission Rule 2.206(E) provides the Commission with discretion to set response and reply deadlines that differ from the 14 days normally provided by that rule.

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, VEC will be responsible for court reporter costs incurred by the Commission during the course of this proceeding and billed back to VEC.

SO ORDERED

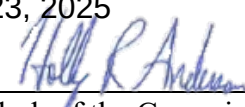
Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 23rd day of January, 2025.



Jacob Davis
Hearing Officer

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

Filed: January 23, 2025

Attest: 
Clerk of the Commission

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