

**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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AVERMENT REGARDING VEC CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

Identification of Document or Information.

Agreements with and bid documents, quotes, and invoices from suppliers and other contractors containing pricing terms including:

- a. Invoice/broker quote for health care insurance premiums for 2025
- b. Billed costs and related calculations for drone mapping services
- c. Costs for pole inspection
- d. Quotes and other similar documents related to vegetation management contractors for work to be completed in 2025
- e. Documents supporting anticipated bond costs and associated information
- f. Documentation supporting the amount included in the costs of service related to fleet replacement
- g. Power supply agreements

Degree of Confidential Information.

The price terms included in these contracts or bid documents are the result of a confidential solicitation of bids conducted by VEC or its consultants, pursuant to its Purchasing Policy. Keeping such price terms confidential ensures that VEC's bid process is robust and results in the best value for our members. If potential bidders know that their cost information would be made public, they may decline to participate in the bid process so as to protect their competitively sensitive information.

Confidentiality Factors.

i. Extent Information Known Outside Company

This information is not known outside of VEC and the respective vendors, except under obligations of confidentiality.

ii. Extent Information Known by Employees and Independent Contractors

The information is available to VEC employees but not to independent contractors unless shared under confidentiality agreements.

iii. Measures Taken to Guard Security

The information is generally only known by the project manager for a given project, legal counsel, and financial staff for billing purposes.

iv. Value of Information to Company and Competitors

Release of this information would harm the VEC's ability to engage in a robust bidding process to receive the best value for our members. Potential bidders consider their bid prices to be competitively sensitive.

v. Amount of Money or Effort to Develop Information

VEC's bid process is quite robust, including detailed explanations of the scope of work for each project so as to get the best quality bids.

vi. Cost/Difficulty in Acquiring/Duplicating Information

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vii. Harm of Disclosure

There would be harm to VEC's contracting partners if their confidential pricing information is revealed. There would be harm to VEC members if that results in potential contractors declining to participate in our bid process, thus limiting options.

Time Period

The information should be kept confidential for at least 3 years. At that point the information will be sufficiently stale as to pose no competitive harm to VEC or its contracting partners.

Partial Disclosure or Redaction

Other terms of these contracts could be provided with price terms redacted.