

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Case No. 25-0729-TF

Tariff filing of Town of Hardwick Electric Department for an overall rate increase of 13.24% effective with service rendered on or after June 1, 2025	
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Order entered: 06/25/2025

SCHEDULING CONFERENCE ORDER

On April 16, 2025, the Town of Hardwick Electric Department (“Hardwick Electric”) filed a petition with the Vermont Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) requesting approval of a rate increase of 13.24% to be effective with service rendered on or after June 1, 2025.

On May 29, 2025, the Commission opened an investigation into Hardwick Electric’s rate request and appointed me to serve as Hearing Officer.

On June 10, 2025, I held a scheduling conference in this matter. Appearances were entered by Elijah D Emerson, Esq., Primmer Piper Eggleston & Cramer PC, on behalf of Hardwick Electric and Alexander Wing, on behalf of the Vermont Department of Public Service (“Department”). In addition, the scheduling conference was attended by Sarah Braese, Hardwick Electric.

Prior to the scheduling conference, the parties developed the following proposed procedural schedule, which I adopt with minor modification to include specific dates for the Public Hearing and intervention deadline:¹

Date	Event
June 10, 2025	Scheduling Conference
July 10, 2025	Department serves first-round discovery on Hardwick Electric

¹ In the joint proposed schedule Hardwick Electric agreed to waive the seven-month requirement for the Commission to make its determination in this proceeding pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 227.

July 23, 2025	Public Hearing at 7:00 P.M. Information session to be hosted by the Department at 6:30 P.M.
July 30, 2025	Intervention deadline
July 31, 2025	Hardwick Electric responds to first-round discovery
August 21, 2025	Department/Intervenors serve second-round discovery on Hardwick Electric
September 11, 2025	Hardwick Electric responds to second-round discovery
October 9, 2025	Department/Intervenors file direct testimony
October 23, 2025	Hardwick Electric serves discovery on Department/Intervenors
November 13, 2025	Department/Intervenors file discovery responses
December 11, 2025	Hardwick Electric files rebuttal testimony
December 23, 2025	Department/Intervenors serve discovery on Hardwick Electric
January 15, 2026	Hardwick Electric responds to discovery
January 30, 2026	Department/Intervenors file surrebuttal testimony
Week of February 9, 2026	Evidentiary Hearing
Three weeks after transcript availability	Initial Brief deadline
Two weeks after Initial Brief due	Reply Brief deadline

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.² 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.

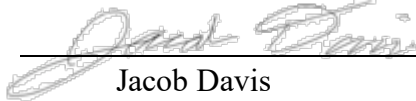
Members of the public interested in this proceeding may participate by submitting public comments or by intervening as a formal party to the case. Members of the public may also simply monitor the Commission’s actions in a specific case. Guidance on how to monitor, comment on, or actively participate 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, the Petitioner will be responsible for court reporter costs incurred by the Commission during the course of this proceeding and billed back to the Petitioner.

SO ORDERED.

² 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 25th day of June, 2025.



Jacob Davis
Hearing Officer

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

Filed: June 25, 2025

Attest: 
Clerk of the Commission

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