

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 --

July 23, 2025
7 p.m.

Via videoconference

Public Hearing held before the Vermont
Public Utility Commission, via videoconference, on July
23, 2025, beginning at 7 p.m.

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1 HEARING OFFICER DAVIS: Well good
2 evening, and thank you for being here.

3 This is a Vermont Public Utility
4 Commission public hearing in Case No. 25-0729-TF,
5 concerning the tariff filing of the Town of Hardwick
6 Electric Department requesting an overall 13.24
7 percent increase in rates to be effective with
8 service rendered on and after June 1, 2025.

9 My name is Jacob Davis. I'm a
10 utilities analyst with the Vermont Public Utility
11 Commission. I have been assigned as the hearing
12 officer for this case.

13 Representatives from Hardwick Electric
14 Department and the Vermont Department of Public
15 Service are present. And given that no members of
16 the public are present, I will go ahead and adjourn
17 the meeting. Thank you all very much for being here,
18 and have a great rest of your evening.

19 (Whereupon, the proceeding was
20 adjourned at 7:07 p.m.)

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C E R T I F I C A T E

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3 I, Kim U. Sears, do hereby certify that I
4 recorded by stenographic means the Public Hearing re:
5 Case No. 25-0729-TF, via videoconference, on July 23,
6 2025, beginning at 7 p.m.

7 I further certify that the foregoing
8 testimony was taken by me stenographically and thereafter
9 reduced to typewriting and the foregoing 3 pages are a
10 transcript of the stenograph notes taken by me of the
11 evidence and the proceedings to the best of my ability.

12 I further certify that I am not related to
13 any of the parties thereto or their counsel, and I am in
14 no way interested in the outcome of said cause.

15 Dated at Williston, Vermont, this 26th day
16 of July, 2025.

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