

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Case No. 25-1809-TF

Tariff filing of Town of Stowe Electric Department for approval of EV and EVSE Flexible Load Management Program effective October 1, 2025	
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VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE RECOMMENDATION

On August 18, 2025, the Town of Stowe Electric Department (SED) filed SED’s flexible load management program (Program) with the Vermont Public Utility Commission (PUC or Commission) for approval. SED submitted the Program for the purpose of complying with Act 55 of 2021, Section 33, which requires that “all State electric distribution utilities shall offer PEV [plugin electric vehicle] rates . . . for public and private EVSE [electric vehicle supply equipment] not later than June 30, 2024.” On May 2, 2024, the PUC issued an order granting SED an extension of time to January 1, 2025, to file its EV rate tariff.

The Program operates by offering an enrollment incentive and a monthly incentive for curtailing EV and EVSE electric loads during peak usage events – a one-time \$100 enrollment incentive and a \$10/month incentive for customers to participate in the EV charging curtailment program. Customers may not opt out of more than two curtailment events per month and must have their EV within SED service territory during curtailment events to receive the \$10 monthly credit. SED says this mechanism is designed to prevent customers from receiving the monthly incentive for a vehicle that is not available for the curtailment event. To qualify for the EV time of use (TOU) program, customers must enroll in the whole-home TOU rate being proposed in Docket No. 25-1792-TF. Customers receive an off-peak rate discount for participating in the

program. The EV TOU rate is designed to encourage customers to shift discretionary charging loads, like EVs, to off-peak hours. SED's goal is for the Program to provide a price signal to customers to shift EV and EVSE charging to off-peak time periods and allow SED to meet the Act 55, Section 33(a) mandate to "encourage efficient integration" of EVs and EVSEs by allowing SED to control EV loads during system peaks.

The Department of Public Service (Department) has conducted a preliminary review of SED's EV flexible load management program and recommends that the Commission open an investigation into the justness and reasonableness of SED's proposed rates. Given the new rate design, and considering the connectedness between these new tariffs, Case 25-1792-TF, and SED's Connected Homes Program, the Department recommends an investigation to allow more time to further review this case and gather more information to better understand the calculation of revenues and costs attributable to these tariffs. An investigation will give the Department the opportunity to better understand the planning behind SED's novel approach to designing its EV tariff, such as automatic Program renewal, high peak TOU rate compared to other utilities' programs, vehicle geolocation element of curtailment events, and how these factors contribute to the attractiveness of SED's Program.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont this 17th day of September 2025.

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