

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 on service rendered on or after October 1, 2025	
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Order entered: 09/25/2025

ORDER OPENING INVESTIGATION AND SUSPENDING TARIFF

I. INTRODUCTION

On August 18, 2025, the Town of Stowe Electric Department (“Stowe Electric”) filed tariff documents with the Vermont Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) reflecting a change in rate design. The tariff changes are proposed to take effect on a service-rendered basis commencing October 1, 2025.

The Vermont Department of Public Service (the “Department”) was notified of this tariff filing via the Commission’s electronic case management system, ePUC, at the time of the Company’s filing. Pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 225, the Department must investigate the justness and reasonableness of a proposed change to a rate schedule immediately upon receipt of notice of the change.

On September 17, 2025, the Department recommended that the Commission open an investigation into Stowe Electric’s tariff filing.

On September 18, 2025, Stowe Electric responded to the Department’s recommendation and requested that the Commission approve the tariffs without investigation.

II. DISCUSSION

The Commission must determine whether Stowe Electric’s proposed changes in its rate design are just and reasonable. Stowe Electric seeks to implement a new program, the Electric Vehicle and Electric Vehicle Charging Equipment Flexible Load Management Program (“the Program”). These changes to Stowe Electric’s rate schedule constitute a change in rate design.

Section 225 of Title 30 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated requires the Commission to open an investigation into a tariff filing if the Department opposes the change in rates. In this

case, the Department has recommended that we open an investigation into Stowe Electric's tariff filing. Accordingly, we hereby do so.

Section 226(b) of Title 30 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated authorizes municipal and cooperative utilities to implement a change in rates, subject to refund, pending final determination by the Commission as to the justness and reasonableness of the proposed change. However, that statute requires that "[a]ny increase in the rates of a municipality or cooperative shall be implemented by means of an identical percentage increase to each class or division of ratepayers under rate design tariffs previously approved by the Public Utility Commission."¹ Stowe Electric's Program represents a change to its rate schedules beyond a rate increase. Therefore, the Commission may suspend the implementation of the Program until the conclusion of the investigation and hereby does so.

Pursuant to 30 V.S.A. §§ 20 and 21, Stowe Electric will be responsible for court reporter costs incurred by the Commission during the course of this proceeding and billed back to Stowe Electric.

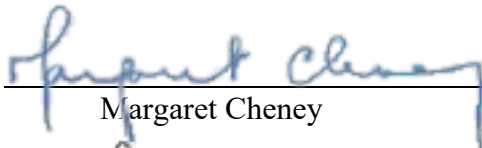
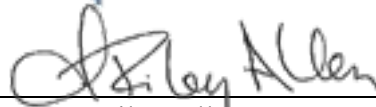
III. ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED by the Public Utility Commission ("Commission") of the State of Vermont that:

1. Pursuant to 30 V.S.A. §§ 225 and 227(a), the Commission opens an investigation into the justness and reasonableness of the Town of Stowe Electric Department's proposed tariff revisions as filed with the Commission on August 18, 2025.
2. Pursuant to 30 V.S.A. Section 226(b), until a final determination is made in this proceeding, the Town of Stowe Electric Department's change in its rate schedule is suspended.
3. Pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 8, Jacob Davis is appointed to serve as the hearing officer to conduct the proceedings in this matter.

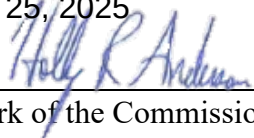
¹ See *Tariff filing of Washington Electric Cooperative, Inc. re: proposed new Local Point to Point Distribution Tariff, to take effect September 5, 2013*, Docket 8102, Order of 8/26/13.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 25th day of September, 2025.

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Edward McNamara	)	PUBLIC UTILITY
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Margaret Cheney	)	
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OFFICE OF THE CLERK

Filed: September 25, 2025

Attest: 

Clerk of the Commission

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