

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: 02/17/2026

ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO AMEND SCHEDULE

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 tariff filing and appointed me to serve as hearing officer.

On June 10, 2025, I held a scheduling conference with the parties, and on June 25, 2025, I adopted a schedule for this proceeding.

On July 31, 2025, and August 13, 2025, Hardwick Electric filed revised joint proposed schedules. On September 25, 2025, I adopted the August 13 proposed schedule.

On February 10, 2026, Hardwick Electric filed a motion to amend the schedule. Hardwick Electric represents that the Vermont Department of Public Service (“Department”) does not object to the request.

The amended schedule provided by Hardwick Electric adds procedural steps allowing Hardwick Electric to file supplemental testimony and the Department to file discovery on that testimony before the Department files its surrebuttal testimony.¹ I adopt the following remaining schedule, which includes specific dates for the evidentiary hearing and briefing:

¹ Hardwick Electric is reminded that Commission Rule 2.207(C) requires a showing of good cause for deadline extensions. Because I believe the additional process is likely to aid in efficiently resolving the case, I grant the motion even without such showing of good cause by Hardwick Electric.

Date	Event
March 12, 2026	Hardwick Electric files supplemental testimony
March 26, 2026	Department files discovery on supplemental testimony
April 16, 2026	Hardwick Electric files discovery responses
April 30, 2026	Department files surrebuttal testimony
May 14, 2026	Evidentiary Hearing
June 4, 2026	Initial Brief deadline
June 18, 2026	Reply Brief deadline

SO ORDERED.

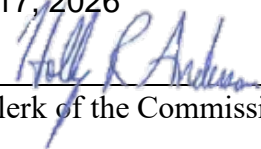
Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 17th day of February, 2026.



Jacob Davis
Hearing Officer

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

Filed: February 17, 2026

Attest: 

Clerk of the Commission

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