

**STATE OF VERMONT  
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Tariff filing of the Town of Hardwick	)	
Electric Department for an overall rate	)	
increase of 13.24% effective with service	)	Case No. 25-0729-TF
rendered on or after June 1, 2025	)	
	)	

**MOTION FOR TIME-LIMITED WAIVER OF PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**  
**RULE 5.126(A)(2)(a)**

NOW COMES the Town of Hardwick Electric Department (“Petitioner”) and, pursuant to Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) Rules 1.200 and 2.107, respectfully moves the Commission for a time-limited waiver of the strict application of Rule 5.126(A)(2)(a). In support hereof, Petitioner submits this Motion to Waive Rule 5.126(A)(2)(a) and supporting Memorandum of Law.

1. Petitioner is a company as defined in 30 V.S.A. § 201 and as such is subject to the Vermont Public Utility Commission’s (the “Commission” or “PUC”) jurisdiction pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 203 and PUC Rule 5.100.
2. Petitioner’s offices are located at 123 N. Main St., Hardwick, Vermont 05843.
3. Commission Rule 5.126(A)(2)(a) instructs utilities how to calculate the net metering credit for individual net metering customers that are not directly interconnected to the utility’s distribution system.
4. In the context of the above-referenced case, the Department of Public Service (the “Department”) and the Petitioner have been discussing the methodology by which the Petitioner calculates the net metering credit for these customers. As described in more detail in the Supplemental Prefiled Testimony of Steven Farman, filed on the same date

as this Motion, the Petitioner is using a method of calculation that the Department has determined is inconsistent with the Rule 5.126(A)(2)(a). The method that the Department believes is the correct method is also described in the Supplemental Prefiled Testimony of Steven Farman.

5. The Petitioner has committed to the Department and, by way of the Supplemental Testimony, to the Commission to change its methodology for calculating the net metering credit under Rule 5.126(A)(2)(a) to the method for which the Department has advocated.
6. The Petitioner currently uses manual calculation to calculate net metering credits on customer bills. Moreover, its long-time controller retired at the beginning of 2026 and her replacement was recently hired. Given the complication of switching methodologies as the new controller onboard, the Petitioner has committed to completing the change over to the new methodology by May 1, 2026. Thus, to the degree that its current methodology is inconsistent with Rule 5.126(A)(2)(a), the Petitioner seeks a time-limited waiver of Rule 5.126(A)(2)(a) to allow it to continue its current methodology until May 1, 2026.
7. The Petitioner asserts that there is good cause for granting the waiver because of the need to make sure the new controller has adequate time to learn Petitioner's accounting and billing systems before attempting to switch the calculation methodology. As the calculations are done manually, it will also be a time-consuming effort to switch the methodologies. The Petitioner believes there is adequate time to perform the change over by May 1, 2026.

**Request for Relief**

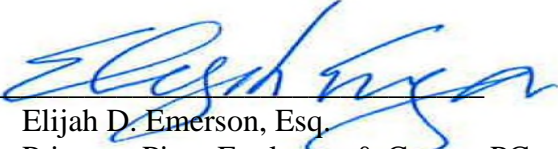
WHEREFORE, the Petitioner respectfully requests this Commission to:

1. Issue a waiver of the Rule 5.126(A)(2)(a) net metering credit calculation methodology to the degree it is inconsistent with the methodology that the Petition will utilize until May 1, 2026.
2. Take such other actions as may be required for the expeditious review of this application.

DATED at Burlington, Vermont this 13<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2026.

TOWN OF HARDWICK ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT

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