

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Case No. 25-1172-TF

Tariff filing of the City of Burlington Electric Department for an overall rate increase of 4.5% effective on service rendered August 1, 2025, for bills rendered on and after September 1, 2025	
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Order entered: 04/22/2026

ORDER REQUIRING CORRECTED TARIFFS

On June 16, 2025, the City of Burlington Electric Department (“BED”) filed revised tariffs and rate schedules with the Vermont Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) reflecting a proposed 4.50% increase effective with bills rendered on or after September 1, 2025. These tariffs included the word “Approved.”

On February 27, 2026, the Commission approved a rate increase of 4.33%, effective with service rendered on or after August 1, 2025, and required BED to file compliance tariffs consistent with the approved rate increase.

On March 13, 2026, BED filed tariffs but did not file them correctly in ePUC. BED’s filed tariffs are incorrect for three reasons: (1) the revised tariffs did not supersede the previously submitted tariffs, (2) the revised tariffs did not include the correct effective date, and (3) the tariffs included language stating that they were “Approved.”

Revised tariffs should supersede the previously submitted tariffs. This allows the ePUC system, Commission staff, and the public to determine which tariffs are current.

Revised tariffs must be consistent with the Commission’s direction. The revised tariffs state “Effective March 1, 2026, for bills rendered on and after April 1, 2026.” In a rate case in which a rate increase is not suspended by the Commission, such as this one, the utility typically charges customers a surcharge equal to the requested rate increase. BED did so in this case. When the rate increase ultimately approved by the Commission is less than the requested rate increase, the utility must refund customers the amount each paid beyond the approved rate increase. This refund occurs because the ultimately approved rate increase is backdated to the time the requested rate increase was able to go into effect pending Commission investigation.

The Commission directs utilities to state an effective date that is consistent with this approach on their tariffs in order to maintain consistent calculations of refund amounts.

Tariffs should not state “Approved.” The initially filed tariffs state “Approved,” and the revised tariffs state “Approved by Public Utility Commission in Case # 25-1172-TF.” In both situations, this can cause confusion.

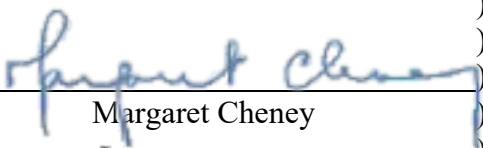
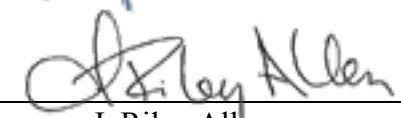
Regarding the initially filed tariffs, they are not approved. Stating “Approved” in any form suggests that the tariffs are approved by the Commission when they are actually pending Commission approval.

Regarding the revised tariffs, stating on each tariff itself that it is approved is unnecessary. The approved tariffs are those in the ePUC tariff repository following approval by Commission order. BED should have its current, approved tariffs in a clearly labeled area on its website and anywhere else it displays them. There should be no confusion over which tariffs are current because non-current tariffs should not be displayed alongside current ones.

Accordingly, BED is directed to file compliance tariffs that state the correct effective date of August 1, 2025, for bills rendered on and after September 1, 2025, that do not state “Approved” and that supersede the appropriate previously filed tariffs. BED may contact Commission administrative staff for assistance in filing revised tariffs in ePUC.

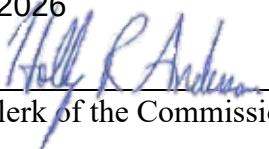
SO ORDERED.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 22nd day of April, 2026.

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Edward McNamara	)	PUBLIC UTILITY
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Margaret Cheney	)	COMMISSION
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J. Riley Allen	)	OF VERMONT

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

Filed: April 22, 2026

Attest: 
Clerk of the Commission

Notice to Parties: Appeal of this decision to the Supreme Court of Vermont must be filed with the Commission within 30 days. Appeal will not stay the effect of this order, absent further order by this Commission or appropriate action by the Supreme Court of Vermont. Motions for reconsideration or stay, if any, must be filed with the Commission within 28 days of the date of this order.

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