

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Case No. 26-____-TF

Petition of Town of Stowe Electric Department pursuant to 30 V.S.A. §§ 225 and 227(a) for a 14.6% rate increase to take effect on a service-rendered basis August 1, 2026	
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MOTION FOR ALTERNATIVE NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS

NOW COMES the Town of Stowe Electric Department (“SED”), by and through its counsel, Michael Lazorchak, and hereby requests the Vermont Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) approve the alternative notice and publication to provide notification to SED’s customers of the rate increase presented in this docket. In support of its request, SED provides the following:

1. SED filed a request in the above captioned docket pursuant to 30 V.S.A. §§ 225 through 227 and Commission Rules 2.401 and 2.402 for Commission approval a 14.6% increase in rates and customer charges applied to all existing rate classes and effective on a service-rendered basis starting August 1, 2026.
2. 30 V.S.A. § 225(a) requires, in connection with a company's request to change to its rate schedules, "such notice to parties affected by such schedules as the Commission shall direct."
3. The default method of notifying customers of a rate change set forth in § 225 is that the "schedules, or summaries of the schedules approved by the department, shall be published by the company in two newspapers with general circulation in the state within 15 days of such filing."

4. SED is concerned that, due to the significant number of its customers that reside outside of Vermont, publication in Vermont newspapers alone will fail to reach many of SED's customers and, as a result, fail to inform them of the proposed rate design.
5. To ensure that SED's out-of-state customers will be appropriately informed of the proceeding, SED requests Commission approval to include notice of the proposed rate design and tariff changes in its customers' monthly billing statements in lieu of publishing such notice in a second Vermont newspaper. Because SED bills in two cycles each month, SED requests approval to notice its customers in the July 2026 billing cycle.
6. SED will still publish a notice in the Stowe Reporter, the local newspaper most likely to reach SED's customers, as well as non-customers who may have an indirect interest in the proceeding.
7. The Department of Public Service Consumer Affairs and Public Information Division was provided with a copy of this request before filing with the Commission.

WHEREFORE, based on the foregoing, SED requests that the Commission approve the following:

- A. SED shall include the Proposed Notice of Rate Changes, in the form attached to this request, along with the billing statements mailed to all customers during the month of July; such billing statements, mailed in two batches, will be sent on or about July 7, 2026 and July 21, 2026.
- B. SED will publish the Proposed Notice of Rate Changes, in the form attached hereto, in the Stowe Reporter on Tuesday, June 16, 2026.

Dated at Stowe, Vermont, this 5th day of June, 2026.

FILED ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF STOWE ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT

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Notice of Proposed Rate Increase
Stowe Electric Requests to Increase Rates 14.6% on August 1st, 2026

On June 5th, 2026, the Town of Stowe Electric Department (“SED”) filed a request with the Public Utility Commission (“PUC”) to approve a rate increase of 14.6%. The overall increase in costs for SED is due largely to increases in the power supply, operating & maintenance, depreciation, and the cost of supplying and distributing energy to our consumers. This increase in current rates will ensure that SED can continue to provide safe and reliable service to our customers. The proposed rate increase is effective on a service rendered basis beginning August 1, 2026.

To determine the impact on your electric bill, apply the current and proposed rate columns shown below to your average monthly consumption. For example, a residential customer using an average of 600kWh a month (30 day usage) would calculate their bill:

	Present Rates		Proposed Rates to take effect on August 1, 2026	
<i>Customer Charge</i>	monthly	\$ 17.94	daily pro-rated	\$ 20.40
<i>NYPA</i>	76 x \$0.1006/kWh	\$ 7.65	76 x \$0.1153/kWh	\$ 8.76
<i>kWh</i>	524 x \$0.2072/kWh	\$ 108.57	524 x \$0.2375/kWh	\$ 124.45
<i>Total Bill</i>		\$ 134.16		\$ 153.61

The PUC will review SED’s rates to ensure they are just and reasonable but does not have the authority to suspend this rate request while their review takes place. Therefore, rates will take effect August 1, 2026. The PUC may order a formal investigation and hearing on the proposed rate changes. If the PUC reduces SED’s proposed rates, SED will provide a refund of charges collected by SED to our customers.

Customers can direct questions and comments to: Stowe Electric Department, PO Box 190, Stowe, VT 05672, Stowe_Electric@StoweElectric.com, or 802-253-7215.

Customers may file comments with the PUC at <https://epuc.vermont.gov/>, or via email puc.clerk@vermont.gov, or via mail to: Clerk of the Public Utility Commission, 112 State Street, Montpelier, Vermont 05620-2701.

Rate Class	Current Rates	Proposed Rates to take effect on August 1, 2026	
RESIDENTIAL 01			
Customer Charge	\$17.94	\$0.68	change from monthly to daily pro-rated
0-76kWh NYPA	\$0.1006	\$0.1153	
+76 kWh	\$0.2072	\$0.2375	
RESIDENTIAL TOU 03			
Customer Charge	\$17.94	\$0.68	change from monthly to daily pro-rated
Winter Peak	\$0.410	\$0.4699	
Winter Off Peak	\$0.141	\$0.1616	
Summer Peak	\$0.565	\$0.6475	
Summer Off Peak	\$0.141	\$0.1616	
Shoulder Peak	\$0.353	\$0.4045	
Shoulder Off Peak	\$0.141	\$0.1616	
RESIDENTIAL STORAGE HEAT 11			
Customer Charge	\$22.93	\$0.86	change from monthly to daily pro-rated
kWh	\$0.1583	\$0.1814	
COMMERCIAL 20			
Customer Charge	\$17.96	\$0.68	change from monthly to daily pro-rated
kWh	\$0.2010	\$0.2303	
COMMERCIAL TOU 21			
Customer Charge	\$17.96	\$0.68	change from monthly to daily pro-rated
Winter Peak	\$0.402	\$0.4607	
Winter Off Peak	\$0.158	\$0.1811	
Summer Peak	\$0.523	\$0.5994	
Summer Off Peak	\$0.158	\$0.1811	
Shoulder Peak	\$0.345	\$0.3954	
Shoulder Off Peak	\$0.158	\$0.1811	
COMMERCIAL 25			
Customer Charge	\$202.30	\$7.63	change from monthly to daily pro-rated
kWh	\$0.1106	\$0.1267	
kW	\$19.77	\$22.66	
Primary Metering Discount	-2.5%	-2.5%	
Transformer Ownership Discount per kW	\$0.6069	\$0.6955	
COMMERCIAL TOU 26			
Customer Charge	\$202.34	\$7.63	change from monthly to daily pro-rated
kW	\$19.77	\$22.66	
Winter Peak	\$0.345	\$0.3954	
Winter Off Peak	\$0.057	\$0.0653	
Summer Peak	\$0.432	\$0.4951	
Summer Off Peak	\$0.057	\$0.0653	
Shoulder Peak	\$0.274	\$0.3140	
Shoulder Off Peak	\$0.057	\$0.0653	
STREET LIGHT 30			
Customer Charge	\$30.81	\$1.16	change from monthly to daily pro-rated
kWh	\$0.2053	\$0.2353	
STREET LIGHT LED 31			
Customer Charge (SED Equipment/month)	\$6.61	\$7.58	
Customer Charge (Customer Equipment/month)	\$4.04	\$4.63	
ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATION 35			
Flat Initiation Fee Level 2	\$1.00	\$1.00	
Flat Initiation Fee Level 3	\$2.00	\$2.00	
Energy Charge	\$0.2010	\$0.2303	
Rate initial four hours (each)	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Rate each hour after 3 hrs Level 2	\$1.00	\$1.00	
Rate each subsequent hour Level 3	\$2.00	\$2.00	
INTERRUPTIBLE LOAD TARIFF			
Customer Charge	\$10,996.92	\$12,602.47	