

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Case No. 26-1010-TF

Tariff filing of Village of Jacksonville Electric Company requesting an overall rate increase of 17.72% effective on service rendered on or after July 5, 2026	
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Order entered: 07/02/2026

ORDER OPENING INVESTIGATION AND NOTICE OF SCHEDULING CONFERENCE

I. INTRODUCTION

This case involves a request filed with the Vermont Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) for approval of an increase in the Village of Jacksonville Electric Company’s (“Jacksonville Electric”) rates. In this order, we open an investigation into the justness and reasonableness of a 17.72% rate increase proposed by Jacksonville Electric.

On May 21, 2026, Jacksonville Electric filed revised rate schedules and tariff documents with the Commission reflecting a proposed 17.72% increase in its rates. The tariff changes are proposed to take effect on a service-rendered basis commencing July 5, 2026.

On May 26, 2026, Jacksonville Electric filed revised tariff documents to correct a rounding error that was identified in the May 21, 2026, tariff filing.

The Vermont Department of Public Service (“Department”) was notified of this tariff filing via the Commission’s electronic case management system, ePUC, at the time of Jacksonville Electric’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 June 23, 2026, the Department recommended that the Commission open an investigation into Jacksonville Electric’s tariff filing.

II. DISCUSSION

The Commission must determine whether Jacksonville Electric’s proposed change in rates is just and reasonable. 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 Jacksonville Electric's tariff filing. Accordingly, we are opening this investigation.

Section 226(b) of Title 30 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated provides that the Commission may not suspend the effectiveness of a tariff of a municipal or cooperative utility and that such a utility may implement a proposed rate increase pending a Commission investigation provided that the utility "refund[s] revenues collected in excess of those which are finally determined to be just and reasonable." Section 226(b) further provides 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." In light of this statutory language, Jacksonville Electric may implement the tariff by means of an identical 17.72% surcharge to each class of ratepayers, subject to the requirement that it refund any amounts collected that are in excess of the amount finally determined to be just and reasonable by the Commission.

Pursuant to 30 V.S.A. §§ 20 and 21, Jacksonville Electric will be responsible for court reporter costs incurred by the Commission during the course of this proceeding and billed back to Jacksonville 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 Village of Jacksonville Electric's ("Jacksonville Electric") proposed tariff revisions as filed with the Commission on May 21, 2026, and those revised on May 26, 2026.

2. Pursuant to 30 V.S.A. Section 226(b), until a final determination is made in this proceeding, increased rates may be implemented by means of an identical 17.72% surcharge to each class of Jacksonville Electric's ratepayers under the tariffs previously approved by the Commission. Any revenues collected in excess of those that are finally determined to be just and reasonable must be refunded to Jacksonville Electric's ratepayers.

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.

4. Pursuant to 30 V.S.A. §§ 10 and 11(a)(2), a scheduling conference will be held on July 20, 2026, beginning at 1:00 P.M., via Teams videoconference.

Participants and members of the public [may access the scheduling conference online at this link](#) on July 20, 2026:

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/253143146956351?p=IoVnRPXIWjSz3cWLlq>

Participants and members of the public may also use the following information to attend the scheduling conference: Meeting ID:; 253 143 146 956 351 Passcode: sE3do6JA ; or call in by telephone using the following information: [phone number & phone conference id](#): +1 802-828-7667,,740335515#

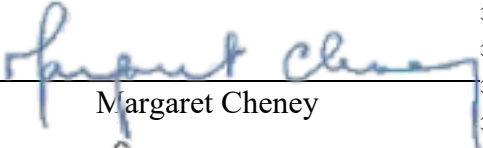
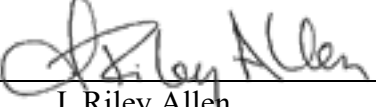
Participants may wish to review guidance on how to join the meeting and system requirements may be found at:

<https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/office/join-a-meeting-in-microsoft-teams-1613bb53-f3fa-431e-85a9-d6a91e3468c9>

5. Consistent with Commission Rule 2.225(A), the Vermont Department of Public Service and Jacksonville Electric must jointly file a proposed procedural schedule for the investigation no later than three days before the scheduling conference.¹ If the parties are unable to stipulate to a procedural schedule, then the Commission requests that the parties file separate schedules.

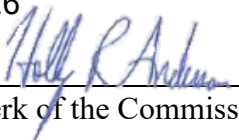
¹ 30 V.S.A. § 227(a) states: “Except when the company consents to waive the seven-month requirement, if the Commission fails to make its determination within the time periods set by this subsection, the changed rate schedules filed by the company shall become effective and final.” The hearing officer is directed to adhere to the seven-month requirement specified in the statute, as consistent with Commission precedent. Accordingly, if a proposed schedule extends beyond seven months from the date of today’s order, Jacksonville Electric should be prepared to waive the seven-month requirement for a period of time that would accommodate the proposed schedule. Additionally, parties should include six weeks at the end of the schedule to allow adequate time for the hearing officer to issue a proposal for decision and to receive comments and requests for oral argument from the parties before the Commission makes a final determination.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 2nd day of July, 2026.

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Edward McNamara	)	PUBLIC UTILITY
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Margaret Cheney	)	
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J. Riley Allen	)	

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

Filed: July 2, 2026

Attest: 

Clerk of the Commission

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