

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Case No. 25-2607-INV

Investigation into the City of Burlington Electric Department's operations and management practices	
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Order entered: 07/14/2026

SCHEDULING ORDER

The Vermont Public Utility Commission ("Commission") opened this investigation on October 22, 2026, to investigate the City of Burlington Electric Department's ("BED") operations and management practices. The Commission ordered the Vermont Department of Public Service ("Department") to direct a business process audit of BED as part of the investigation.

On June 9, 2026, Commission staff held a status conference in this case. At the status conference, the parties discussed the status and progress of the Department's chosen consultant's business process audit work and what process should be adopted for the remainder of the investigation. The parties proposed to have the Department release its consultant's report by August 1, 2026, and to later have the consultant give a presentation of the report to the Commission and the parties. As a result, Commission staff asked for and received availability dates from the parties for a consultant-led presentation in late August.

We appreciate the parties' efforts to arrange for a consultant presentation. However, because this is a contested proceeding, the Commission has determined that more formal process will be required to resolve this investigation.

The consultant's findings and recommendations will be made clear in its report. The parties' responses to the report, on the other hand, are critical to the Commission's understanding of areas where the parties agree with or question the consultant's findings and recommendations, and how to best implement those recommendations.

The submission of prefiled testimony from the parties, along with an opportunity for discovery will allow for a comprehensive understanding of the parties' positions regarding the report before the Commission holds an evidentiary hearing to probe any outstanding questions or

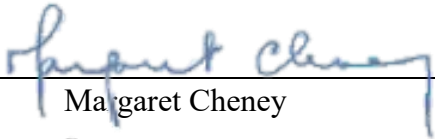
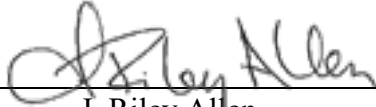
disagreements between the parties. Prefiled testimony also provides an evidentiary basis for the Commission to make findings of fact in a final order if needed.

We therefore adopt the following schedule in this case:

Date	Event
Aug. 3, 2026	Department releases consultant's report, sponsored by prefiled testimony that includes Department recommendations regarding the report's findings and recommendations.
Aug. 3, 2026	Parties file proposed dates for evidentiary hearing
Aug. 17, 2026	BED issues discovery requests on Department
Aug. 31, 2026	Department responds to BED requests
Sept. 11, 2026	BED files testimony responding to Department testimony and consultant's report
Sept. 25, 2026	Department issues discovery requests on BED
Oct. 9, 2026	BED responds to Department requests
Oct. 23, 2026	Department files reply testimony
Oct. 30, 2026	BED issues discovery requests on Department
Nov. 6, 2026	Department responds to BED discovery requests
TBD	Evidentiary hearing

SO ORDERED.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 14th day of July, 2026.

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