

STATE OF VERMONT  
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Case No. 26-1130-TF

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| Tariff filing of Town of Stowe Electric Department requesting an overall rate increase of 14.6% effective on service rendered on or after August 1, 2026 |  |
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**TOWN OF STOWE ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT**  
**RESPONSE TO COMMISSION ORDER**

On July 17, 2026, the Vermont Public Utility Commission (“PUC”) issued an Order in this docket directing the Town of Stowe Electric Department (“SED”) to take certain actions. SED, through its undersigned attorney, provides the following response to comply with the PUC’s Order.

*Withdrawal of Interruptible Load Tariff Modifications*

The PUC determined that SED’s proposed modifications to its interruptible load tariff constituted a rate design change and ordered SED to withdraw the proposed tariff revision<sup>1</sup>. SED agrees to withdraw the proposed tariff filing and contemporaneously files with this response a revised tariff (clean and redline) that only shows the rate increase impact to the customer charge. SED confirms the only customer currently taking service under this tariff is aware of the rate increase.

SED also confirms that it will refile the proposed modifications to the interruptible load tariff filed in this case as a separate tariff filing. SED will make this filing as soon as practicable to have the proposed modifications in effect before the 2026/2027 snowmaking season. SED is in regular communication with this customer and will give their staff an update at the next

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<sup>1</sup> PUC 7/17/2026 Order at 4.

available opportunity. SED made the Vermont Department of Public Service (“DPS”) aware of the proposed changes to this tariff before filing this rate increase and will confer, as necessary, with DPS staff before filing the proposed tariff revisions as a separate docket.

#### *Withdrawal of Changes to the Customer Charge*

The PUC determined that the proposed change to a daily customer charge constituted a rate design change and ordered SED to refile its tariffs to reflect a monthly customer charge<sup>2</sup>. SED agrees to withdraw all tariffs that show a daily customer charge and has contemporaneously filed revised tariffs (clean and redline) reflecting a monthly customer charge.

#### *Review of all tariffs to determine if the modifications constitute rate design changes*

The PUC requested SED to review the tariff filings to “determine whether its is proposing any other changes that may constitute rate design changes<sup>3</sup>.” SED confirms that the contemporaneously filed revised tariffs do not have any proposed modifications that would constitute a rate design change. SED has proposed updates to its tariffs to reflect formatting changes (e.g. font size, margins, letterhead) to provide a consistent appearance for SED’s tariffs.

#### *Missing Tariff Sheets*

SED has contemporaneously filed clean and redline versions of the Residential 01 tariff.

#### *Stowe Electric’s Pending Motion*

SED confirms for the PUC and DPS that it has provided its customers with notice of the August 1, 2026, rate change, which includes the docket number and how to participate in the docket. SED provided notification through the Stowe Reporter, as a bill insert, and through notification on its website<sup>4</sup>.

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<sup>2</sup> *Id* at 4.

<sup>3</sup> *Id* at 4.

<sup>4</sup> SED posted a website notice on June 9, 2026 (docket number), and June 24, 2026 (monthly customer charge), <https://www.stoweelectric.com/post/notice-of-proposed-rate-increase>.

### *Case Schedule*

SED intends to collaborate with DPS to file a jointly proposed schedule before the August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026, hearing. SED acknowledges the PUC's request to "include at least six weeks at the end of the proposed 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."<sup>5</sup> At this time, SED intends to honor the seven-month statutory requirement to resolve this case.

### *Conclusion*

SED looks forward to completing the administrative review of this proposed rate increase.

Dated at Williston, Vermont, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2026.

ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF STOWE ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT

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<sup>5</sup> PUC 7/17/2026 Order at 5.