

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Case No. 26-1130-TF

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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Order entered: 08/07/2026

SCHEDULING CONFERENCE ORDER

On June 5, 2026, the Town of Stowe Electric Department (“Stowe Electric”) filed a petition with the Vermont Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) requesting approval of a rate increase of 14.6% to be effective with service rendered on or after August 1, 2026.

On August 4, 2026, I held a scheduling conference in this proceeding. Appearances were entered by Alexander Wing, Esq., Vermont Department of Public Service (“Department”); and Michael Lazorchak, Esq., Energy New England, on behalf of Stowe Electric. Three staff members from Stowe Electric were also in attendance.

At the scheduling conference, the parties discussed the proposed procedural schedule,¹ which I adopt as follows:

Date	Event
August 19, 2026	Department serves first round of discovery on Stowe Electric
September 2, 2026	Stowe Electric responds to first round of discovery ²
September 14, 2026	Public Hearing at 7:00 P.M.; Information session to be hosted by the Department at 6:30 P.M.
September 16, 2026	Deadline for motions to intervene ³

¹ In the order opening investigation, the Commission requested that the Department work with Stowe Electric to identify a timeframe to address the Department’s concerns regarding errors and missing information in Stowe Electric’s tariff filing. At the scheduling conference, the Department stated that it would work with Stowe Electric to address these issues during discovery.

² Parties are directed to file narrative responses to discovery in ePUC.

³ If a motion to intervene is granted, the schedule will be revisited to ensure an opportunity for the intervenor to serve discovery and file testimony.

September 16, 2026	Department serves second round of discovery on Stowe Electric
September 21, 2026	Deadline for responses to motions to intervene
September 30, 2026	Stowe Electric responds to second round of discovery
October 23, 2026	Department files direct testimony
November 6, 2026	Stowe Electric serves discovery on Department
November 20, 2026	Department files discovery responses
December 4, 2026	Deadline to file proposed schedule for further proceedings

The seven-month deadline for the Commission to make its determination regarding the requested rate increase is February 17, 2027. At the scheduling conference, Stowe Electric indicated its understanding that a request for further scheduling by the parties may require it to waive the seven-month deadline pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 227 for a period of time to accommodate the additional process.

If motions for summary judgment are filed in this case, then, consistent with Commission Rule 2.219(B) and unless different deadlines are established by the Commission, (1) responses are due 30 days after the motion is filed; and (2) replies to any responses are due 14 days after the responses are filed. If motions to dismiss are filed in this case, then, consistent with Commission Rule 2.206(E), (1) responses are due 30 days after the motion is filed; and (2) replies to any responses are due 14 days after the responses are filed.⁴ For any other motions, then, consistent with Commission Rule 2.206(E) and unless different deadlines are established by the Commission, (1) responses are due 14 days after the motion is filed; and (2) replies to any responses are due 14 days after the responses are filed. Consistent with Commission Rule 2.206(F), surreplies may only be filed with permission from the Commission.

Parties are reminded that documents submitted in pdf format should be in an “unlocked” format, i.e., searchable and extractable, rather than in an image format.

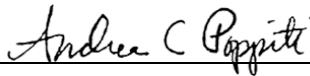
⁴ Commission Rule 2.206(E) provides the Commission with discretion to set response and reply deadlines that differ from the 14 days normally provided by that rule.

Members of the public interested in this proceeding may participate by submitting public comments or by intervening as a formal party to the case. Members of the public may also simply monitor the Commission's actions in a specific case. Guidance on how to monitor, comment on, or actively participate in Commission proceedings is available in the document "Public Participation and Intervention in Proceedings before the Public Utility Commission," which is available on the Commission's website at: <https://puc.vermont.gov/document/public-participation-and-intervention-proceedings-public-utility-commission>.

Pursuant to 30 V.S.A. §§ 20 and 21 Stowe Electric will be responsible for court reporter costs incurred by the Commission during the course of this proceeding and billed back to Stowe Electric.

SO ORDERED.

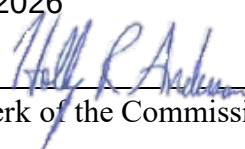
Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 7th day of August, 2026.



Andrea C. Poppiti
Hearing Officer

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

Filed: August 7, 2026

Attest: 
Clerk of the Commission

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