

**STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Case No. 25-0729-TF

Tariff filing of Town of Hardwick Electric Department requesting an overall rate increase of 13.24% effective with service rendered on or after June 1, 2025	
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**COMMENTS OF THE VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE
REGARDING THE HEARING OFFICER'S PROPOSAL FOR DECISION**

On September 17, 2026, the hearing officer for the Vermont Public Utility Commission ("Commission") issued a proposal for decision ("PFD"), pursuant to 3 V.S.A. § 811 and 30 V.S.A. § 8. If adopted by the Commission, the PFD approves a 6.84% (or \$484,604) rate increase for the Town of Hardwick Electric Department ("HED"), directs HED to refund excess monies collected and to submit compliance tariffs, and opens a separate investigation regarding HED's net-metering billing practices instead of resolving them here. The Department of Public Service supports the adoption of the PFD.

Thank you, please contact me with any questions.

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

VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE

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