

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Docket No. 7535

Investigation into: (1) petition of AARP, for the	)	Workshop at Montpelier,
establishment of reduced rates for low-income	)	Vermont on February 26, 2014
consumers of Green Mountain Power Corporation	)	
and Central Vermont Public Service Corporation;	)	
and (2) as expanded to possibly include general	)	
applicability to all Vermont retail electric utilities	)	

Order entered: 3/20/2014

WORKSHOP MEMORANDUM

On February 26, 2014, the Public Service Board ("Board") held a workshop in the above-captioned docket. Making appearances were Debra Bouffard, Esq., of Sheehey Furlong & Behm, on behalf of Green Mountain Power Corporation ("GMP"); Louise Porter, Esq., for the Vermont Department of Public Service; James Dumont, Esq., on behalf of AARP; and Daniel Tukey on behalf of International Business Machines Corporation.

During the workshop, GMP presented information on the first-year operations of its Energy Assistance Program ("EAP"), including information on total EAP collections and expenditures, as well as providing approximate refund amounts if excess EAP fees were returned to ratepayers on a company-wide basis. However, AARP suggested there might be alternate programmatic uses for some of the excess fees. The parties requested additional time during which to develop a joint proposal for what to do with the excess EAP fees and agreed to submit this proposal to the Board by March 28, 2014. If the parties are unable to develop a joint proposal, then the parties should submit separate proposals by that same date.

Additionally, the Board inquired whether the outstanding EAP fund should be accruing interest. GMP requested time to develop a position on this question. GMP should submit to the Board a statement of its position on this question by March 28, 2014.

Finally, in its Order of September 6, 2012, in this docket, the Board directed GMP to implement appropriate systems after the merger with Central Vermont Public Service Corporation with which to track EAP collections and expenditures by legacy service territory for the period beginning with the first program-related monthly meter charge through October 1, 2013.¹ This was to address the concern that excess fees collected during the first year of the program should be returned to customers in the appropriate legacy service territory. Therefore, GMP is requested to file with the Board by March 28, 2014, information regarding collections and expenditures on a legacy service territory basis, as well as a description of how excess EAP fees from the first year of the program would be returned to customers from the appropriate legacy service territory if the Board determines that it is appropriate to do so.

SO ORDERED.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 20th day of March, 2014.

<u>s/James Volz</u>	)	
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<u>s/John D. Burke</u>	)	
	)	BOARD
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<u>s/Margaret Cheney</u>	)	OF VERMONT

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FILED: March 20, 2014

ATTEST: s/Judith C. Whitney
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1. Docket 7535, Order of 9/6/2012 at 21 (Ordering Paragraph 5).