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STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Docket No. 8585

Investigation into Meteorological Tower at 700
Kidder Hill Road in Irasburg, Vermont

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE'S RESPONSE TO
HEARING OFFICER'S REQUEST FOR SCHEDULE**

On January 30, 2020, the Hearing Officer issued an order requesting the parties state whether an evidentiary hearing remains necessary and to propose specific dates for briefs and reply briefs by February 10, 2020.

On February 2, 2020, in the *Order Granting Respondent Request for Extension*, the Hearing Officer extended the February 10, 2020 deadline to February 24, 2020.

As indicated in Respondent David Blittersdorf's *Position re: Hearing* filed on February 24, 2020, Respondent is awaiting a decision on Respondent's motion to compel a Rule 30(b)(6) deposition before specifying further dates for hearing and briefing. In correspondence with Respondent's counsel, the Department attempted to propose prospective dates, however Respondent's counsel directed the Department to Respondent's *Position re: Hearing* filing with no further comment.

In response to the Hearing Officer's request, the Department does not request an evidentiary hearing in this matter. Additionally, the parties have not come to a stipulated schedule for further process.

To continue moving forward, the Department respectfully recommends a deadline for proposed schedules detailing a hearing date and dates for briefs and reply briefs one (1) week after the Hearing Officer's decisions on Respondent's pending motion to compel and the Department's pending motion for protective order.

DATED at Montpelier, Vermont this 24th day of February 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE

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