

STATE OF VERMONT  
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Case No. 20-0703-PET

Vermont Legal Aid request for moratorium on utility and telecommunications shutoffs during State of Emergency	
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Order entered: 04/29/2020

**ORDER EXTENDING COMMENT PERIOD**

This proceeding concerns a petition from Vermont Legal Aid to the Vermont Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) requesting the halt of involuntary utility disconnections during the current state of emergency in Vermont as a result of the global COVID-19 pandemic.

In today’s Order, we extend a deadline for parties to submit requests for hearings or additional process and to submit comments.

By Orders on March 18, 2020, and March 27, 2020, the Commission put in place until April 30, 2020, a temporary moratorium on certain utility disconnections.<sup>1</sup> Associated with these Orders, we asked parties to submit requests for hearings or additional process and to submit comments on our actions by no later than April 24, 2020.

On April 23, 2020, we extended the end date for the temporary moratorium on involuntary utility disconnections from April 30, 2020, until May 31, 2020.

On April 24, 2020, the Vermont Department of Public Service (“Department”), given the extension of the end date of the moratorium, asked the Commission to extend the deadline for parties to submit requests for hearings or additional process and to submit comments until May 8, 2020.<sup>2</sup>

We find the Department’s request reasonable, and we extend the deadline for parties to submit requests for hearings or additional process and to submit comments until May 8, 2020.

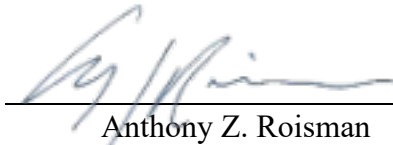
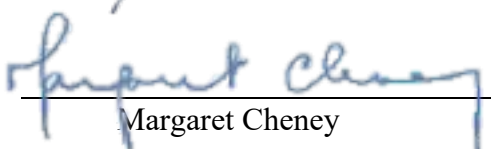
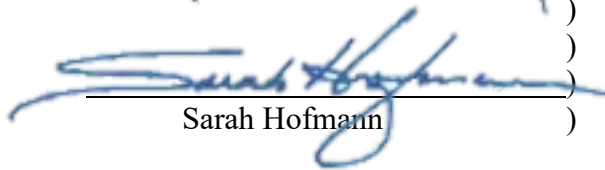
**SO ORDERED.**

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<sup>1</sup> *Vermont Legal Aid request for moratorium on utility and telecommunications shutoffs during State of Emergency*, Case No. 20-0703-PET, Orders issued 3/18/2020 and 3/27/2020.

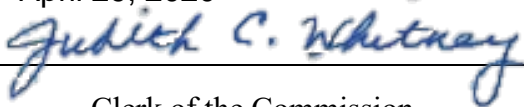
<sup>2</sup> Letter from James H. Porter, Department Director for Public Advocacy, to Judith C. Whitney, Clerk of the Commission, filed on 4/24/20.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 29th day of April, 2020.

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Filed: April 29, 2020

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