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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

Comments by Vermont Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Vermont Electric Cooperative, Inc. (VEC) recommends that the Public Utility Commission extend the moratorium on involuntary service disconnections for one additional month, i.e. through June 30, 2020, and reassess the need for a further extension. Vermont's economic situation is in a state of flux right now as the state moves forward to slowly reopen its businesses and other institutions. Depending on how successful this effort is, the Commission can reassess the need for a further moratorium through July. VEC is very concerned that as arrearages build, VEC and its members will face real challenges to find repayment arrangements that will be successful. A month-by-month extension will keep members engaged with the distribution utilities and facilitate necessary communications regarding the initiation of payment arrangements or the revision to an existing payment arrangement.

Dated at Essex, Vermont, this 21st day of May, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

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