

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

**WASHINGTON ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.'S COMMENTS**

By Order dated May 15, 2020, the Commission requested comments on potentially extending the temporary moratorium on involuntary utility service disconnections until July 31, 2020.

Washington Electric Coop (WEC) continues to support the moratorium and supports its extension through July 31, 2020. As previously stated, WEC recognizes that the pandemic is creating financial hardship for many of its members, including the inability to pay bills, and that these hardships are continuing. WEC wishes to do what it can to assure its members' safety and wellbeing and to lessen the distress caused by the inability to pay an electric bill.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2020.

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