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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 of Vermont Electric Cooperative, Inc. As To  
Continuation of Moratorium on Disconnections

Vermont Electric Cooperative, Inc. (VEC) does not object to the extension of the moratorium on involuntary service disconnections through the end of September, 2020, but VEC will be hesitant to support future extensions. As stated in VEC's comments of May 21, 2020, VEC continues to be concerned that as arrearages build, VEC and its members will face real challenges to find repayment arrangements that will be successful. It is imperative that members stay engaged with the distribution utilities to facilitate necessary communications regarding the initiation of payment arrangements or the revision to an existing payment arrangement.

VEC will continue to work with members who are experiencing COVID-related financial stress to develop reasonable and flexible payment arrangements. We look forward to assisting with the implementation of the financial support contained in the recent legislation for members who have COVID-related arrearages. Additionally, as outlined in VEC's July 22, 2020 filing in this docket, VEC requests that prior to issuing any directives regarding post-moratorium processes, the Commission solicit feedback from the implementing entities to sure and efficient and manageable transition process.

Dated at Essex, Vermont, this 27th day of July, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

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