

Village of Hyde Park Electric Department

December 18, 2020

Ms. Judith C. Whitney, Clerk

Vermont Public Utility Commission

112 State Street, Drawer 20

Montpelier, VT 05620

Case No. 20-0703-PET - Vermont Legal Aid request for moratorium on utility and telecommunications shutoffs during State of Emergency

Dear Ms. Whitney:

In response to the Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) request for comments on restatement of the Temporary Moratorium on Involuntary Utility Service Disconnections (“Moratorium”), Hyde Park Electric appreciates the opportunity to express our opinion.

It is our experience that continuation of the moratorium does not encourage our customers to communicate or to enter into payment plans. We fear that many of our customers will accumulate arrearages that may become impossible to overcome without significant financial assistance. We are also concerned that our municipal utility requires these revenues to maintain safe and reliable service.

Hyde Park Electric supports the request of Vermont Electric Cooperative to provide the ability for utilities to seek exceptions on a case-by-case basis.

Sincerely,

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