

STATE OF VERMONT  
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Case No. 20-0203-INV

Investigation into the establishment of reduced rates for low-income residential ratepayers of Vermont electric utilities	
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Order entered: 03/22/2021

**ORDER GRANTING MOTION**

**AND**

**CANCELLING AND RESCHEDULING THE 3/25/2021 WORKSHOP**

This proceeding concerns an investigation opened by the Vermont Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) into the establishment of reduced rates for low-income residential ratepayers of Vermont electric utilities.

In today’s Order, we grant a motion requesting the cancellation of a workshop originally scheduled for March 25, 2021, and reschedule the workshop for May 10, 2021.

In a March 9, 2021, Order, the Commission asked the Vermont Department of Public Service (“Department”), Green Mountain Power Corporation (“GMP”), and GDS Associates (collectively, the “Presenters”) to give a detailed presentation of GMP’s low-income Electric Assistance Program (“EAP”) at the March 25 workshop.

On March 15, 2021, the Department filed a motion asking to reschedule the March 25 workshop to “ensure that the [Presenters] have an adequate amount of time to fully prepare an informative presentation.”<sup>1</sup> The Department also represented that it had conferred with GMP on the motion and that the Department is authorized to state that GMP does not object to the extension request.<sup>2</sup>

After reviewing the extension request, we grant the Department’s motion, because rescheduling the workshop will enable the presenters to provide a more informative presentation, which we think is in the best interests of all participants to this case.

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<sup>1</sup> *Department Motion*, Case No. 20-0203-INV, filed on 3/15/2021, at 1.

<sup>2</sup> *Id.*


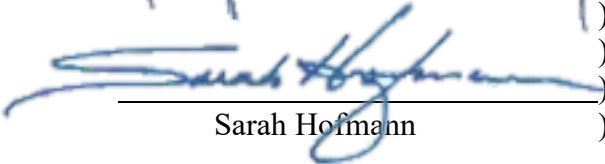
Given that the delay in the schedule posed by rescheduling the workshop is relatively minor and should prejudice no participant, we have elected not to request comments on the Department's motion before ruling on that motion.

Therefore, the March 25, 2021, workshop is cancelled, and a new workshop is scheduled for May 10, 2021.

We remind the Presenters that the presentation's purpose is to show other electric distribution utilities what they can learn from GMP's EAP experience. Further, we encourage the Presenters to review page two of our March 9 Order to refresh their memories on the specific focus we seek from the presentation. Finally, we ask the Presenters to file with the Commission any slides or presentation materials for the workshop by no later than May 5, 2021.

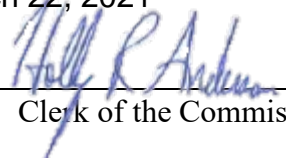
**SO ORDERED.**

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 22nd day of March, 2021.

 _____ )	Anthony Z. Roisman )	PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF VERMONT
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 _____ )	Sarah Hofmann )	

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

Filed: March 22, 2021

Attest:   
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*Appeal of this decision to the Supreme Court of Vermont must be filed with the Clerk of the Commission within 30 days. Appeal will not stay the effect of this Order, absent further order by this Commission or appropriate action by the Supreme Court of Vermont. Motions for reconsideration or stay, if any, must be filed with the Clerk of the Commission within 28 days of the date of this decision and Order.*

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