

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Case No. 20-0203-INV

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| Investigation into the establishment of reduced rates for low-income residential ratepayers of Vermont electric utilities | |
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Order entered: 10/27/2021

PROCEDURAL ORDER AMENDING DEADLINE FOR RESPONSES TO ORDER REQUESTING INFORMATION AND APPROVING MOTION FOR WITHDRAWAL OF APPEARANCE

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

On September 28, 2021, the Commission issued an order requesting certain information from the participants in this proceeding and requesting that responses be filed by October 29, 2021.

On October 20, 2021, the Vermont Department of Public Service (“Department”) filed a motion for withdrawal of appearance of Daniel C. Burke. On the same date, Sarah L. J. Aceves filed a notice of appearance on behalf of the Department.

On October 21, 2021, the Department filed a motion to amend the schedule in this proceeding to extend the deadline for filing responses to the Commission’s information request from October 29, 2021, to January 7, 2022. The Department explained that its contract with GDS Associates, Inc. (“GDS”) was limited in time and compensation and the Department was unable to engage with GDS over the past month.¹ The Department executed a new contract with GDS on October 18, 2021, and stated that “to provide additional funds to GDS and allow ample time to substantively respond to the Commission’s questions, the Department respectfully requests that responses to the information request be due January 7, 2022.”² The Department also stated that it consulted with GMP and that GMP does not oppose the proposed schedule change.

¹ GDS is the entity that the Department has been working and consulting with regarding potential improvements to Green Mountain Power Corporation’s (“GMP”) Energy Assistance Program.

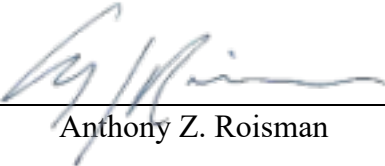
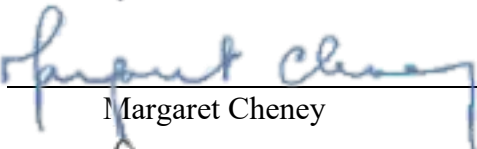
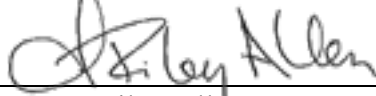
² Department Motion to Amend Schedule at 1.

The Commission grants the Department's motion for withdrawal of appearance because the Department has filed a timely notice of appearance substituting counsel in this proceeding.

Additionally, to ensure the Department has sufficient time to work with GDS to provide substantive responses to the Commission's information requests, the Commission grants the Department's request and extends the deadline for filing responses to its order requesting information to **January 7, 2022**.

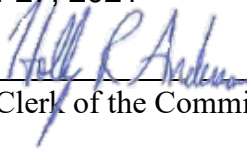
SO ORDERED.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 27th day of October, 2021.

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OFFICE OF THE CLERK

Filed: October 27, 2021

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