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Ms. Holly R. Anderson, Clerk
Vermont Public Utility Commission
112 State Street, 4th Floor
Montpelier, VT 05620-2071

RE: April 26, 2022 Order, Request for Information regarding Case No. 20-0203-INV Investigation into the establishment of reduced rates for low-income residential ratepayers

Dear Ms. Anderson,

Hyde Park Electric ("HPE") offers the following comments and responses to the Commission's April 26, 2022 Order:

1. The end-of-year customer counts by class (residential, commercial industrial), annual revenues by class, and annual kWh consumption by class, along with totals for the utility from 2017 through 2021.

Village of HydePark		2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Industrial	# accounts	0	0	0	0	0
	kwh	0	0	0	0	0
	Revenue	0	0	0	0	0
Commercial	# accounts	151	154	160	163	161
	kwh	3,406,137	3,490,556	3,695,085	3,739,385	3,834,093
	Revenue	\$649,454.01	\$657,979.22	\$730,134.61	\$734,452.87	\$774,206.99
Residential	# accounts	1179	1178	1191	1208	1227
	kwh	7,782,751	8,181,006	8,195,337	8,495,487	8,510,853
	Revenue	\$1,383,664.95	\$1,410,119.66	\$1,482,451.23	\$1,534,498.27	\$1,560,034.28
Total	# accounts	1330	1332	1351	1371	1388
	kwh	11,188,888	11,671,562	11,890,422	12,234,872	12,344,945
	Revenue	2,033,118.96	2,068,098.88	2,212,585.84	2,268,951.14	2,334,241.27

2. The residential customer charge/daily access charge or equivalent for the utility's general service residential rate.
The current charge is \$15.53.
3. The residential retail energy rate (\$/kWh) (specified by block if that applies).The current energy rate charges:
First 100 kWh per month is \$0.10061 (NYPA Block)
All kWh over 100 per month is \$0.18022
 - HPE regrets that we are unable to provide an estimate of the number of low-income customers (185%) in the service territory. HPE does not have the expertise to determine this estimate for our ratepayers within Hyde Park and a section of Johnson.

HPE supports a rate benefit to low-income residential ratepayers funded by voluntary contributions. Our utility's goal is utilization of our Community Solar Rider Tariff for low-income residential ratepayers.

In regard to a statewide program, HPE supports VPPSA's June 10, 2022 response:

"VPPSA member utilities believe strongly that statewide low-income rate support should be implemented through a legislative allocation of state General Fund revenue. This would provide support to low-income households without designing a utility program that intentionally establishes cross-subsidization between customers. Extending financial assistance to a subset of electric customers at the expense of other customers is a social policy decision that should be implemented through an open, transparent dialogue at the state and/or local level, where affected customers can participate and express their viewpoints."

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HPE strongly agrees with VEC's June 10, 2022 response:

"At this time, VEC is challenged to see a compelling case for a VEC specific low-income rate since it would translate into higher costs for other members who also struggle to make ends meet."

We appreciate your consideration of these responses. Please contact me if you need more information or comment.

Respectfully,

Carol Robertson

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