

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Case No. 22-4100-TF

Tariff filing of Washington Electric Cooperative, Inc. for a 14.19% rate increase effective with service- rendered November 1, 2022	
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Order entered: 01/06/2023

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

This case concerns the tariff filing of Washington Electric Cooperative, Inc. (“WEC”) for a 14.19% rate increase filed with the Vermont Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) on September 15, 2022.

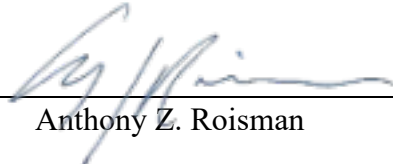
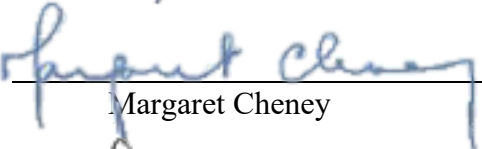
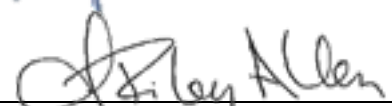
WEC is directed to respond to the following requests by no later than January 19, 2023. Documents shall be filed in ePUC and responses to questions shall be filed as supplemental testimony.

1. On December 6, 2022, the Vermont Department of Public Service (“Department”) filed its first round of discovery questions for WEC. In addition to filing its responses in ePUC, WEC is directed to file documents responsive to the following questions: Q.PSD.WEC.1-1, 1-2, 1-4, 1-5, 1-6, 1-20, and 1-23.
2. Referring to Q.PSD.WEC.1-4, in addition to the response to the Department’s question, please provide an analysis of rate impacts at Time Interest Earned Ratios (“TIER”) of 1.25, 1.5, 1.75, and 2.0.
3. Q.PSD.WEC.1-5 requests cash-flow modeling in Excel format. Please also provide an historical analysis of cash-on-hand for the past 10 years. In addition, please explain whether WEC has experienced cash-flow problems in the past including an explanation of the circumstances leading to any such problems.
4. Q.PSD.WEC.1-14 refers to “the current Construction Work Plan.” Please file this document and any related documents with the Commission.
5. Q.PSD.WEC.1-18 requests additional information to explain the estimated reduction of revenue associated with net metering. In addition to these questions, WEC is requested to respond to the following questions:

- a. Regarding the \$235,114 decrease in rate-year revenue from expected additional net-metering systems, what is the basis for the expected additional net-metering systems? For example, are these net-metering systems that have already received a certificate of public good from the Commission?
 - b. Beyond the summary of all pending net-metering applications requested in the Department's discovery request 1.18.c, what assumptions formed the basis for this adjustment?
6. Q.PSD.WEC.1-5 requests additional details on the "construction and other changes to the [Coventry] landfill." In addition to responses to the Department's questions, please explain whether WEC considers the costs of alternative power supply during Coventry outages as part of its decision on when to perform construction and maintenance. And more generally, please provide an explanation of how WEC decides when to perform construction and maintenance at the Coventry Landfill.
7. Referring to page 4 of Mr. Porter's testimony, please explain why Tier III costs are accounted for in customer accounts and not power supply?
8. Also on page 4 of Mr. Porter's testimony, he states that WEC "plans to account for the impact of net metering as a power supply cost, rather than decreased revenue" in the future. Please explain the rationale for WEC previously including these costs as decreased revenue rather than power supply costs.
9. On page 7 of Mr. Enterline's testimony, he states that the price for the Ryegate resource is \$107.27/MWH and that this is the price during the last month of the test year. Please explain why this is appropriate given the legislative changes in Act 155 and pending litigation in Case No. 22-3944-PET. In that case, in an Order dated 10/26/22, the Commission authorized a six-month extension at \$0.10/kWh beginning November 1, 2022.

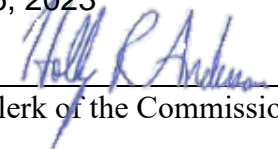
SO ORDERED.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 6th day of January, 2023.

 _____ Anthony Z. Roisman)	PUBLIC UTILITY
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 _____ Margaret Cheney)	COMMISSION
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 _____ J. Riley Allen)	OF VERMONT
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Filed: January 6, 2023

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Clerk of the Commission

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