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February 3, 2023

Holly R. Anderson, Clerk
Vermont Public Utility Commission
112 State Street
Montpelier, VT 05620-2701

Re: Petition of Washington Electric Cooperative, Inc. (WEC) for Approval of 14.19%
Rate Increase effective on a service-rendered basis commencing November 1, 2022

Case No. 22-4100-TF

WEC Comments Concurring with Department Recommendation

Dear Holly:

In accordance with the Commission's Scheduling Conference Order (Dec. 2, 2022), the Department filed its direct testimony on January 24, 2023.

WEC has reviewed the Department's direct testimony. The Department recommends that WEC's proposed 14.19% rate increase be reduced to 12.83%. See Direct Prefiled Testimony of Sean Foley (Jan. 24, 2023). WEC concurs with the Department's recommendation and does not wish to dispute the recommendation's bases.

The Scheduling Conference Order sets February 3, 2023 as the deadline for discovery and Commission questions to be served on the Department. WEC will not serve discovery on the Department.

The Scheduling Conference Order sets February 24 as the deadline for parties to file a stipulation or request for hearing and proposed litigation schedule.

WEC requests that the Commission adopt the Department's recommendation and enter a decision accordingly. WEC does not request a hearing. Please note that no motions to intervene have been filed.

WEC is happy to address any Commission questions or information requests. WEC requests a conference to determine how best to address any Commission questions.

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WEC understands that the Department is prepared to promptly respond to these comments.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ron Shems".

Ron Shems
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