

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: 08/14/2023

ORDER APPROVING PLAN TO RETURN FUNDS

This case concerns the Vermont Public Utility Commission’s (“Commission”) investigation into a tariff filing by Washing Electric Cooperative, Inc. (“WEC”) requesting a 14.19% rate increase effective on a service-rendered basis on November 1, 2022.

On May 19, 2023, the Commission issued an order approving a 12.83% rate increase. As a condition of approval, the Commission required WEC to file a plan to return the difference between the amount collected via the temporary surcharge and what would have been collected under the approved 12.83% rate increase to customers and former customers.

On May 30, 2023, WEC filed its plan to return funds to current and former customers. WEC proposes to provide a one-time credit to all customers fully reflecting payments they made pursuant to the temporary surcharge (November 1, 2022, through May 31, 2023) in excess of the approved 12.83% rate increase. This credit will be provided through the first full billing cycle that commences after Commission approval of WEC’s plan. WEC proposes to mail checks to former customers who made more than \$1.00 in excess payments pursuant to the temporary surcharge.¹ Each check will reflect the full amount paid pursuant to the temporary surcharge (November 1, 2022, through May 31, 2023) in excess of the approved 12.83% rate increase. The checks will issue and be mailed within 30 days of the Commission’s approval of WEC’s plan.

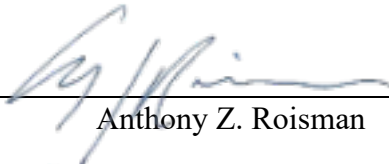
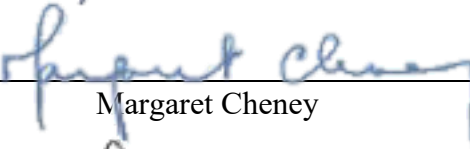
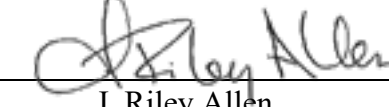
On June 23, 2023, the Vermont Department of Public Service filed a letter stating that it does not oppose WEC’s plan to return funds to current and former customers.

We conclude that WEC’s plan to return funds to current and former customers is reasonable. Therefore, it is approved.

¹ WEC estimates that the total excess revenues received from members who paid less than \$1.00 in excess payments to be in the range of \$50 to \$100.


SO ORDERED.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 14th day of August, 2023.

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