

STATE OF VERMONT  
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Case No. 23-3501-PET

Petition of Green Mountain Power for approval of its zero outages initiative as a strategic opportunity pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 218d and GMP’s multi-year regulation plan	
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Order entered: 11/30/2023

**SCHEDULING CONFERENCE ORDER**

This case involves a petition filed by Green Mountain Power Corporation (“GMP”) with the Vermont Public Utility Commission (“Commission”), pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 218d and Section IV(A)(6) of GMP’s current multi-year rate plan (“MYRP”), for authorization to spend up to \$250 million in additional transmission and distribution investments over the final two years of the MYRP.<sup>1</sup>

On November 16, 2023, the Commission held a scheduling conference for this case. Appearances were entered by Erin C. Brennan, Esq. and Alexander Wing, Esq. on behalf of the Vermont Department of Public Service (“Department”); and Geoffrey Hand, Esq. and Malachi T. Brennan, Esq., SRH Law PLLC, on behalf of GMP. In addition, the scheduling conference was attended by Elizabeth Miller, Esq. and Michael Burke of GMP.

On November 17, 2023, GMP filed a joint schedule with proposed deadlines that have been agreed to by both GMP and the Department. We adopt the parties’ proposed joint schedule, which is set out in the table below:<sup>2</sup>

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
December 7, 2023	Workshop
December 8, 2023	Deadline to file motions to intervene

<sup>1</sup> The MYRP, which governs GMP’s rates through September 30, 2026, was approved by the Commission on August 31, 2022, in Case No. 21-3707-PET. *Petition of Green Mountain Power Corporation for approval of a new Multi-Year Regulation Plan pursuant to 30 V.S.A. Sections 209, 218, and 218d*, Case No. 21-3707-PET, Order of 8/31/22.

<sup>2</sup> “Non-petitioners” are all parties to this case other than GMP; non-petitioners include intervenors and statutory parties.

December 12, 2023	Responses to motions to intervene (if any)
December 15, 2023	Non-petitioners serve first round of discovery on GMP
January 5, 2024	GMP responds to the first round of discovery
January 19, 2024	Non-petitioners serve second round of discovery on GMP and Commission serves information requests on GMP
January 29, 2024	GMP responds to the second round of discovery
February 16, 2024	Non-petitioners file direct testimony
February 23, 2024	Discovery requests served on non-petitioners
March 7, 2024	Non-petitioners respond to discovery requests
March 14, 2024	GMP files rebuttal testimony
March 22, 2024	Non-petitioners serve discovery requests on GMP's rebuttal testimony
March 29, 2024	GMP responds to discovery requests
April 12, 2024	Non-petitioners file surrebuttal testimony
April 19, 2024	Discovery requests served on non-petitioners' surrebuttal testimony
April 30, 2024	Non-petitioners respond to discovery requests
May 7 and 8, 2024	Evidentiary Hearings
May 30, 2024	Briefs due
June 13, 2024	Reply briefs due

If motions for summary judgment are filed in this case, then, consistent with Commission Rule 2.219(B) and unless different deadlines are established by the Commission, (1) responses are due 30 days after the motion is filed; and (2) replies to any responses are due 14 days after the responses are filed. If motions to dismiss are filed in this case, then, consistent with Commission Rule 2.206(E), (1) responses are due 30 days after the motion is filed; and

(2) replies to any responses are due 14 days after the responses are filed.<sup>3</sup> For any other motions, consistent with Commission Rule 2.206(E) and unless different deadlines are established by the Commission, (1) responses are due 14 days after the motion is filed; and (2) replies to any responses are due 14 days after the responses are filed. Consistent with Commission Rule 2.206(F), surreplies may only be filed with permission from the Commission.

**The parties are requested to file their narrative discovery responses in ePUC. The parties should not, however, file discovery attachments in ePUC unless requested to do so by the Commission.**

Parties are reminded that documents submitted in pdf format should be in an “unlocked” format, i.e., searchable and extractable, rather than in an image format.

Members of the public interested in this proceeding may participate by submitting public comments or by intervening as a formal party to the case. Members of the public may also simply monitor the Commission’s actions in a specific case. Guidance on how to monitor, comment on, or actively participate in Commission proceedings is available in the document “Public Participation and Intervention in Proceedings before the Public Utility Commission,” which is available on the Commission’s website at: <https://puc.vermont.gov/document/public-participation-and-intervention-proceedings-public-utility-commission>.


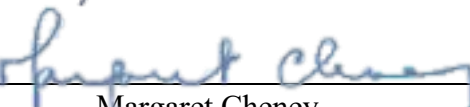
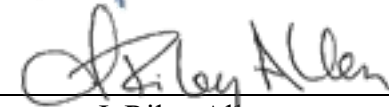
Pursuant to 30 V.S.A. §§ 20 and 21, the Petitioner will be responsible for court reporter costs incurred by the Commission during the course of this proceeding and billed back to the Petitioner.

**SO ORDERED.**

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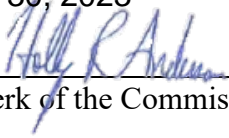
<sup>3</sup> Commission Rule 2.206(E) provides the Commission with discretion to set response and reply deadlines that differ from the 14 days normally provided by that rule.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 30th day of November, 2023.

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Filed: November 30, 2023

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