

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Case No. 24-0969-TF

Tariff filing of Woodstock Aqueduct Company for a change in rates, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 225, effective for service rendered on or after May 16, 2024	
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Order entered: 05/22/2024

SCHEDULING CONFERENCE ORDER

This case concerns a tariff filing made by Woodstock Aqueduct Company (“Petitioner” or “Woodstock Aqueduct”) with the Vermont Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) requesting a 109.82% increase in Woodstock Aqueduct’s overall revenue.

On May 17, 2024, I held a scheduling conference in this matter. Appearances were entered by Eric B. Guzman, Esq., Vermont Department of Public Service (“Department”); and Owen McClain, Esq., Sheehy Furlong & Behm P.C., on behalf of the Petitioner. In addition, the scheduling conference was attended by Jireh Billings.

At the scheduling conference, we discussed the proposed schedule filed by the Petitioner on May 16, 2024, and consented to by the Department.¹ We also discussed a date for the evidentiary hearing and a deadline for the Petitioner to provide responses to public comments filed before the public hearing. I adopt the following schedule as proposed by the parties and modified during the scheduling conference.

Deadline	Event
May 22, 2024	Deadline for Petitioner to file information regarding whether it has secured a physical location in Woodstock, Vermont, to conduct the information session and public hearing
June 5, 2024	Deadline for Petitioner to file responses to public comments that have been filed before that date
June 6, 2024	Information Session & Public Hearing; information session starting at 6:30 P.M. and public hearing starting at 7 P.M. ²

¹ “Non-petitioners” are all parties to this case other than the petitioner; non-petitioners include intervenors and statutory parties.

² The Clerk of the Commission will provide a separate notice regarding where the information session and public hearing will be held (whether virtually or at a physical location). Additionally, once it is determined where the

June 7, 2024	Deadline for Non-Petitioners' first round of discovery on Petitioner
June 13, 2024	Deadline for motions to intervene
June 21, 2024	Deadline for Petitioner's responses to Non-Petitioner's first round of discovery
June 19, 2024	Deadline for responses to motions to intervene
July 5, 2024	Deadline for Non-Petitioners' second round of discovery on Petitioner
July 17, 2024	Deadline for Petitioner's responses to Non-Petitioners' second round of discovery
August 7, 2024	Deadline for Non-Petitioners' direct testimony
August 14, 2024	Deadline for discovery on Non-Petitioners' direct testimony
August 28, 2024	Deadline for Non-Petitioners' responses to Petitioner's discovery requests
September 4, 2024	Deadline for Petitioner's rebuttal testimony
September 11, 2024	Deadline for Non-Petitioners' third round of discovery on Petitioner
September 18, 2024	Deadline for Petitioners' responses to Non-Petitioners' third round of discovery
October 2, 2024	Deadline for Non-Petitioners' surrebuttal testimony
October 8, 2024	Evidentiary Hearing
October 22, 2024	Deadline for post-hearing briefs
November 1, 2024	Deadline for reply briefs

The Clerk of the Commission will send out separate notices confirming the dates, times, and locations for the information session and public hearing, and the evidentiary hearing. For events that are held virtually, the notices will also include call-in information.

information session and public hearing will be held, the Petitioner must provide notice of these events in the local newspaper.

Because motions to intervene may still be pending on June 7, 2024, the date that the first round of discovery is scheduled to be served on the Petitioner, individuals and entities with motions to intervene still pending at that time may serve discovery on the Petitioner. If any such discovery is served and the corresponding motion is granted, then the Petitioner shall respond to that discovery. If such a motion is denied, then the Petitioner does not need to respond to that discovery.

Parties are requested to file the narrative discovery responses with the Commission.

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.³ For any other motions, then, 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.

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.

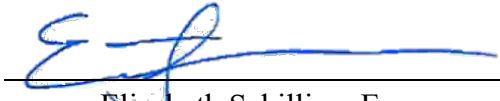
Members of the public interested in this proceeding may participate by submitting public comments or by intervening as a formal party to the case. Members of the public may also simply monitor the Commission’s actions in a specific case. Guidance on how to monitor, comment on, or actively participate 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>.

³ 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.

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.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 22nd day of May, 2024.



Elizabeth Schilling, Esq.
Hearing Officer

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

Filed: May 22, 2024

Attest: 

Clerk of the Commission

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