

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: 07/09/2024

**ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO INTERVENE
AND DIRECTING PARTIES TO FILE DISCOVERY RESPONSES**

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

On June 14, 2024, the Village and Town of Woodstock (the “Municipalities”) filed a motion to intervene in this proceeding. Woodstock Aqueduct provides water service, including water for fire safety, to the Village and its residents and businesses, and parts of the water system are located in the Town. The Municipalities explain that the Town is actively discussing the possibility of purchasing the water system with Woodstock Aqueduct, and this case may affect those negotiations. The Municipalities acknowledge that the motion to intervene was filed one day after the deadline in the schedule for this case and state that they will adhere to the existing schedule. The Municipalities state that they will “contribute meaningfully to the investigation into the justness and reasonableness of the proposed rate increase without duplicating the [Vermont Department of Public Service’s] efforts.”

No party has objected to the Municipalities’ motion.

Commission Rule 2.209(B) reserves to the Commission the power to grant intervenor status on a permissive basis:

- (1) when a statute or Commission rule confers a conditional right to intervene; or
- (2) when an applicant's claimed interest shares a question of law or fact in common with the matters that must be resolved in the proceeding.

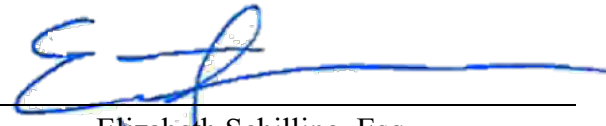
In exercising its discretion under Commission Rule 2.209(B), the Commission must consider whether intervention will unduly delay the proceeding or prejudice the interests of existing parties or of the public.

As outlined above, the Municipalities have demonstrated a claimed interest in whether the proposed rate increase is in the public interest. In the absence of any objections, I conclude that the Municipalities' intervention will not unduly delay the proceeding or prejudice the interests of the existing parties or of the public and grant the Municipalities party status as a permissive intervenor pursuant to Commission Rule 2.209(B)(2).

Additionally, I direct the parties to file all discovery responses in this proceeding in ePUC.

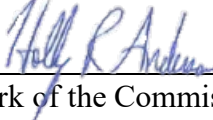
SO ORDERED.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 9th day of July, 2024.


Elizabeth Schilling, Esq.
Hearing Officer

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

Filed: July 9, 2024

Attest: 
Clerk of the Commission

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