

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: 10/18/2024

ORDER DENYING EXTENSION TO BRIEFING SCHEDULE

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 October 18, 2024, Woodstock Aqueduct filed a motion to extend the briefing schedule for this case by two weeks: (1) deadline for initial briefs extended from October 22, 2024, to November 5, 2024; and (2) deadline for reply briefs extended from November 1, 2024, to November 15, 2024. Woodstock Aqueduct represents that “the purpose of this request is to enable [Woodstock Aqueduct] and the Department of Public Service (“Department”) to continue discussions about potential resolution of certain issues in this case.” Woodstock Aqueduct represents that the Department and the Village and Town of Woodstock, the only other parties to this case, have no objection to the proposed extension of the briefing deadlines.

Pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 227(a), if the Commission suspends a rate change, the Commission must make its determination within seven months from the date that it orders the investigation unless the company consents to waive the seven-month requirement. The statutory deadline for the Commission’s decision in this case is December 16, 2024.¹

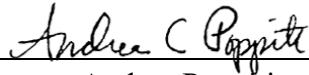
While I strongly encourage the parties to continue to seek resolution of issues in this case, the proposed schedule does not allow sufficient time to issue a proposal for decision and receive comments from the parties in time for the Commission to issue a final decision before the December 16, 2024, deadline. Therefore, unless Woodstock Aqueduct agrees to waive the seven-month deadline pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 227(a) for an amount of time at least

¹ The Commission issued an order opening this investigation and suspending the proposed rate increase on May 14, 2024.

commensurate with any requested extension to the briefing schedule, I cannot adopt the amended briefing schedule as proposed. The motion for an extension to the briefing schedule is denied.

SO ORDERED.


Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 18th day of October, 2024.



Andrea Poppiti
Hearing Officer

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

Filed: October 18, 2024

Attest: 

Clerk of the Commission

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