

**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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**WOODSTOCK AQUEDUCT COMPANY’S COMMENTS
REGARDING FURTHER BRIEFING**

In accordance with the Vermont Public Utility Commission’s (“Commission”) November 4, 2024, scheduling order in the above-captioned matter, Woodstock Aqueduct Company (“WAC”) submits that no further briefing is necessary in this matter and the case is ripe for a Commission decision.

On November 12, 2024, the Department of Public Service (“Department”) filed supplemental testimony recommending the establishment of three capital funds. In response, WAC filed supplemental testimony on November 22, 2024, agreeing with the Department’s recommendation and incorporating the remainder of the Department’s proposed adjustments to the Cost of Service in this case. See Exhibit WAC-JSB-6. Accordingly, since WAC has no objection to the Department’s recommendation in this case, there are no further disputed issues that require briefing. WAC is authorized to state that the Department and the Town and Village of Woodstock agree that no further briefing is necessary.

Additionally, WAC is prepared to submit additional filings if the hearing officer or Commission determine that proposed findings or further legal briefing on any issues would be helpful, and if necessary, is also prepared to further waive the seven-month statutory period to accommodate such filings.

Finally, as noted in WAC’s November 22, 2024 supplemental testimony, the Town and

Village of Woodstock and WAC continue to make progress toward a potential sale of WAC's assets and a second vote on that potential transaction is scheduled for December 10, 2024. If the vote is not successful, the transaction will not likely proceed in the near term.

If the vote is successful, however, the parties intend to continue negotiating an asset purchase agreement, which would ultimately require approval of the Commission. In this event, WAC would expect to file a petition to approve the sale after implementing a rate change in this case, however, the Company is exploring whether the transaction could be commenced and approved by the Commission on a timeframe that would enable the Company to suspend the effect of the rate change pending the closure of the sale; or obviate the need for a final order in this case altogether. The Company values everyone's time and attention to this matter and will file an update with the Commission about the potential sale of the Company no later than December 18, 2024.

DATED at Burlington, Vermont, on this 3rd day of December, 2024.

WOODSTOCK AQUEDUCT COMPANY

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