

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: 01/03/2025

ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO STAY

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 December 4, 2024, I issued a request for information to Woodstock Aqueduct and the Vermont Department of Public Service (“Department”) with a deadline for responses of January 10, 2025. I also requested that Woodstock Aqueduct agree to further waive the seven-month statutory deadline¹ beyond January 23, 2025, to incorporate sufficient time for it and the Department to respond to the information request and for me to consider those responses.

On December 18, 2024, Woodstock Aqueduct filed a motion to stay this proceeding. After two successful votes approving the Town of Woodstock’s (the “Town’s”) acquisition of Woodstock Aqueducts’ assets and a bond that will allow the Town to finance system improvements and to acquire the real estate, the parties are in the process of finalizing an Asset Purchase Agreement (“APA”). Woodstock Aqueduct moves to stay the current rate proceeding in order to allow it and the Town to focus on finalizing transactional documents necessary to close on the APA by March 31, 2025, contingent upon Commission approval of the acquisition transaction. Woodstock Aqueduct also states that it further waives the statutory deadline for a Commission decision to April 30, 2025, which would permit it and the Department to submit responses to the December 4 Information Request by March 31, 2025, if the Town and

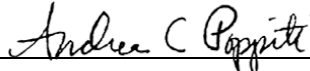
¹ Pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 227(a), if the Commission suspends a rate change, the Commission must make its determination within seven months from the date that it orders the investigation unless the company consents to waive the seven-month requirement. The statutory deadline for the Commission’s decision in this case is December 16, 2024, and Woodstock Aqueduct previously agreed to waive the deadline to January 23, 2025.

Woodstock Aqueduct do not successfully close the APA transaction in March. Woodstock Aqueduct states that it is authorized to represent that the Department and the Town and Village of Woodstock have no objection to this request.

The motion to stay this proceeding until March 31, 2025, is granted. By March 31, 2025, Woodstock Aqueduct will either notify the Commission of a successful closing or it and the Department will file responses to the December 4 Information Request and ask the Commission to lift the stay.

SO ORDERED.


Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 3rd day of January, 2025.



Andrea Poppiti
Hearing Officer

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

Filed: January 3, 2025

Attest:  _____
Clerk of the Commission

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