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PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

DOCKET NUMBER 8358

PETITION OF GREEN MOUNTAIN POWER CORPORATION  
FOR AN AMENDMENT TO ITS ALTERNATIVE  
REGULATION PLAN, PURSUANT TO 30 V.S.A.  
SECTION 218d --

December 3, 2014  
11 a.m.

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112 State Street  
Montpelier, Vermont

Prehearing Conference held before the  
Vermont Public Service Board, at the Third Floor Hearing  
Room, People's United Bank Building, 112 State Street,  
Montpelier, Vermont, on December 3, 2014, beginning at 11  
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1                   CHAIRMAN VOLZ: Good morning. We are  
2 here this morning in Docket Number 8358 which is the  
3 petition of Green Mountain Power Corporation for an  
4 amendment to its Alternative Regulation Plan pursuant  
5 to 30 V.S.A. section 218d.

6                   I'll start by taking notices of  
7 appearance.

8                   MR. DUGGAN: Good morning. Timothy  
9 Duggan for the Department of Public Service.

10                  MS. ANCEL: Charlotte Ancel, Green  
11 Mountain Power.

12                  MR. ZAMORE: Peter Zamore, Green  
13 Mountain Power.

14                  MS. LEVINE: Sandra Levine,  
15 Conservation Law Foundation.

16                  MR. SILVER: Morris Silver for VEIC,  
17 and with me is Mike Wickenden, Scudder Parker and  
18 George Twigg.

19                  CHAIRMAN VOLZ: Great. Thanks. So  
20 this is a prehearing conference. The purpose, of  
21 course, is to set a schedule and maybe talk about the  
22 scope of the proceeding.

23                  We are aware of two motions to  
24 intervene by CLF and by VEIC. Those are being taken  
25 under advisement. We will issue a ruling on those

1 when we issue our procedural order after the  
2 prehearing conference.

3 So do the parties have any proposals  
4 for how we should go forward?

5 MR. ZAMORE: I believe that our view  
6 was, as we filed with the Board, that the scope of  
7 the amendment can be addressed and resolved on the  
8 basis of the filings. That there may be other  
9 issues, and they can be addressed in individual  
10 filings under the new attachment, but that we need  
11 not address every detail in this proceeding and in  
12 the language amended in the plan.

13 I believe that Ms. Ancel has a proposed  
14 revision to the attachment 8 that was previously  
15 filed that was just developed today that she can  
16 address with you.

17 CHAIRMAN VOLZ: Attachment 8 is?  
18 What's the topic of attachment 8?

19 MR. ZAMORE: Attachment 8 is a new  
20 attachment to the Alt Reg Plan --

21 CHAIRMAN VOLZ: Thank you.

22 MR. ZAMORE: -- that defines what type  
23 of --

24 CHAIRMAN VOLZ: Yup.

25 MR. ZAMORE: -- alternative programs

1 are permitted.

2 CHAIRMAN VOLZ: Great. I didn't  
3 realize I had one right in front of me. Thank you.  
4 I understand CLF would like to have hearings instead  
5 of a paper proceeding; is that correct?

6 MS. LEVINE: I think at this point CLF  
7 is comfortable moving forward with this on paper. We  
8 have had some conversations with Green Mountain  
9 Power, and I think with the changes that were  
10 suggested by VEIC as well, that takes care of some of  
11 our concerns.

12 CHAIRMAN VOLZ: Okay.

13 MS. ANCEL: Could I -- if I -- thank  
14 you. So in front of the Board you now have a further  
15 amendment. It's the second amendment to attachment 8  
16 which is a request. We very much appreciated the  
17 input of both Efficiency Vermont and CLF in this  
18 proceeding. We have taken all of their feedback and  
19 incorporated it. We are now, as a result, proposing  
20 a second amendment to the attachment which is some  
21 more gloss and more specific definition suggested by  
22 CLF to the definition of state energy policy and the  
23 eligibility section of the plan.

24 CHAIRMAN VOLZ: Okay.

25 MS. CHENEY: So is that the smaller

1 type? Second set of --

2 MS. ANCEL: That's correct. There is a  
3 clean and marked version. It's indicated on the  
4 marked version. It's the last four lines of the  
5 eligibility section.

6 I would submit that Green Mountain  
7 Power has no objection to that amendment, and I have  
8 only this morning as of about five minutes ago,  
9 circulated to both the Department and VEIC. It's  
10 certainly our hope that they might not have any  
11 objection to it either.

12 CHAIRMAN VOLZ: Okay. Are you prepared  
13 to respond to that now, or do you want to respond to  
14 it as part of the schedule in the case?

15 MR. DUGGAN: For the Department, I  
16 would prefer to just circulate this to some of my  
17 team.

18 CHAIRMAN VOLZ: Right.

19 MR. DUGGAN: And we could respond, you  
20 know, I would imagine very quickly whenever the Board  
21 would prefer.

22 CHAIRMAN VOLZ: Okay.

23 MR. SILVER: VEIC had a preliminary  
24 review. We didn't identify any issues with the  
25 document, but because we just got it, we too would

1 just like to circulate it internally.

2 CHAIRMAN VOLZ: Sure.

3 MR. SILVER: But it does seem like it's  
4 something that can be resolved very quickly.

5 CHAIRMAN VOLZ: Okay.

6 MS. ANCEL: Mr. Chairman, our -- Green  
7 Mountain Power's position would be that assuming we  
8 were able to get all parties' consent, that it would  
9 be another basis for no further hearings to be  
10 warranted and for resolution of the proposed plan  
11 amendment on the papers.

12 CHAIRMAN VOLZ: Okay. And so what kind  
13 of a schedule are you proposing for filing papers?

14 MS. ANCEL: So I would propose -- and  
15 this is aspirational and dictated toward my own  
16 agenda -- but I would hope that the parties might  
17 consider putting in written comments on this second  
18 proposed amendment by the end of this week. So by  
19 Friday.

20 CHAIRMAN VOLZ: Is that feasible for  
21 the parties?

22 MR. DUGGAN: I think it would be for  
23 the Department, either that, or we could just let GMP  
24 know we have no objection, and then second amended  
25 filing can be made stating that if there is no

1 objections.

2 CHAIRMAN VOLZ: Right. Okay.

3 MR. DUGGAN: That might be the easiest.

4 MR. SILVER: I think the process that  
5 DPS identified would work for VEIC as well.

6 CHAIRMAN VOLZ: Doing it by the end of  
7 the week.

8 MR. SILVER: I believe so. Yes.

9 CHAIRMAN VOLZ: Okay. You said the  
10 process. I wasn't sure what you were referring to.

11 MR. SILVER: If we didn't identify  
12 anything, we would so notify GMP, and then they would  
13 be able to correlate the comments; you get a single  
14 document.

15 CHAIRMAN VOLZ: And CLF.

16 MS. LEVINE: That's fine.

17 CHAIRMAN VOLZ: Okay. And then is  
18 there anything necessary after that?

19 MS. ANCEL: Not in our view.

20 CHAIRMAN VOLZ: And then if you can't  
21 all agree on something, then what if somebody has a  
22 problem, then we need additional schedule for --

23 MS. ANCEL: Perhaps on Friday we might  
24 file a stipulation that all parties agreed to the  
25 proposed amendment or litigation schedules.

1 CHAIRMAN VOLZ: Okay. All right.

2 MS. ANCEL: It's my hope we won't have  
3 to do that.

4 CHAIRMAN VOLZ: Is everyone agreeable  
5 to that?

6 MR. DUGGAN: That works for the  
7 Department.

8 MS. LEVINE: That's fine.

9 MR. SILVER: Yes.

10 CHAIRMAN VOLZ: Is there anything else  
11 we need to talk about today?

12 MS. ANCEL: Not in our view.

13 CHAIRMAN VOLZ: Anybody else? No.  
14 Okay. Great. Thanks. Appreciate it. Appreciate  
15 everybody working together. That's very helpful.

16 (Whereupon, the proceeding was  
17 adjourned at 11:13 a.m.)

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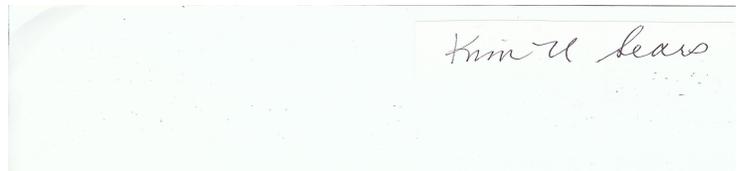
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