

STATE OF VERMONT  
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Docket No. 6283

Petition of Washington Electric Cooperative, )  
Inc., for approval of a fuel gross receipts tax )  
credit under 33 V.S.A. Section 2503 )

Order entered: 10/22/99

**PREHEARING CONFERENCE MEMORANDUM**

**BACKGROUND**

On October 12, 1999, I convened a prehearing conference in this proceeding. Appearances were entered by: Aaron Adler, Esq., and Tom Franks, for the Vermont Department of Public Service ("Department"); Jules Junker for the State Office of Economic Opportunity ("SOEO"); and William Powell, for Washington Electric Cooperative, Inc., ("WEC").

**SCHEDULE**

None of the prehearing conference participants sought evidentiary hearings on WEC's request for approval of a fuel gross receipts tax credit pursuant to 33 V.S.A. § 2503. Instead, the petitioner and the Department will attempt to resolve this proceeding through negotiations, with the expectation that the Department's concerns can be addressed through conditions incorporated into a jointly stipulated agreement. To this end, petitioner and the Department agreed that they would attempt to submit a joint stipulation to the Hearing Officer by November 1, 1999. Alternatively, should the parties fail to reach agreement, they will file written recommendations, no later than November 1, 1999, as to how best to proceed toward resolution of this docket.

Accordingly, I will not set a schedule at this time. If the parties cannot reach agreement through negotiation, they will inform me and I will convene a status conference to schedule further proceedings.

SO ORDERED.

DATED at Montpelier, Vermont, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 1999.

s/Gregg C. Faber  
Gregg C. Faber  
Hearing Officer

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

FILED: October 22, 1999

ATTEST: s/Susan M. Hudson  
Clerk of the Board

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