

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Docket No. 6325

Investigation of Vermont Electric Cooperative,)
Inc.'s tariff filing requesting a 12.87% rate)
increase, to take effect January 1, 2000)

Order entered: 1/25/2000

PREHEARING CONFERENCE MEMORANDUM

BACKGROUND

I convened a prehearing conference in this matter on January 13, 2000, at the Public Service Board hearing room, in Montpelier, Vermont. Vermont Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("VEC" or "Company") was represented by Michael L. Burak, Esq., of Burak, Anderson & Melloni, P.L.C.. Aaron Adler, Esq., appeared on behalf of the Vermont Department of Public Service ("Department"). No other group or organization attended the prehearing conference.

APPEARANCES

Mr. Adler has entered a notice of appearance on behalf of the Department. VEC is reminded that one or more persons must file with the Clerk of the Board a written notice of appearance on behalf of the Company.

SCHEDULING

A schedule for resolution of this investigation was proposed by VEC and the Department. By this memorandum, I adopt that proposal, which is as follows:

1/24/00	VEC files prefiled testimony in support of rate filing, pursuant to PSB Rule 2.402(C).
week of 2/14	Public Hearing on Vermont Interactive Television
2/8/00	First round of discovery on VEC
2/18/00	VEC responds to first round of discovery
2/18/00	Deadline for intervention requests

2/25/00	Responses to intervention requests
2/29/00	Second round of discovery on VEC
3/10/00	VEC responds to second round of discovery
3/24/00	DPS and any other non-VEC parties file prefiled testimony
4/7/00	Discovery due on testimony of DPS and any other non-VEC parties
4/18/00	DPS and any other non-VEC parties respond to discovery
4/28/00	Prefiled testimony in rebuttal to testimony of DPS and any other non-VEC parties
4/28/00 to 5/11/00	Rolling discovery on rebuttal testimony; responses due in seven calendar days
Week of 5/22/00	Technical hearing; any surrebuttal to be live
6/20/00	Briefs due
6/30/00	Reply briefs due

All filing dates noted above are "in-hand"; the filings must be at the offices of the recipient by the close of business on the respective dates. The specific dates of the public hearing and technical hearing will be established by subsequent notices.

The schedule proposed did not include a deadline for requests for intervention. At the prehearing conference, VEC suggested a deadline two weeks hence. With the provision that any intervenor must take the proceeding as they find it, a later deadline for intervention requests is workable and should not unreasonably disadvantage or burden the petitioner. February 18, 2000, is established as the deadline to file requests for intervention. Parties have until February 25, 2000, to respond to any such requests. All such requests and responses must be served on all parties.

SO ORDERED.

DATED at Montpelier, Vermont, this 25th day of January, 2000.

s/Ennis J. Gidney

Ennis John Gidney
Hearing Officer

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

FILED: January 25, 2000

ATTEST: s/Susan M. Hudson

Clerk of the Board

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