

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Docket No. 6328

Tariff filing of Washington Electric)
Cooperative, Inc. re: proposed rate design)
changes, to take effect January 3, 2000)

Order entered: 2/10/2000

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. Washington Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("WEC" or "Company") was represented by M. Jerome Diamond, Esq., of Diamond & Associates, P.C.; James Volz, Esq., and John Cotter, Esq., appeared on behalf of the Vermont Department of Public Service ("Department"). No other group or organization attended the prehearing conference.

APPEARANCES

Mr. Cotter has entered a notice of appearance on behalf of the Department. WEC 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 WEC and the Department. By this memorandum, I adopt that proposal, which is as follows:

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| 3/01/00 | File a report to establish a schedule for evidentiary hearings or a hearing on the stipulation to all matters in Dockets Nos. 6149 and 6315, with the exception that the cost of Hydro-Quebec power may not be finalized. |
| 3/00/00 | Public Hearing for rate design to be determined after March 1, 2000. |
| 4/03/00 | File a report to establish a schedule for evidentiary hearings or a hearing on the settlement to all rate design matters. |

The schedule proposed did not include a deadline for requests for intervention. 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. March 1, 2000, is established as the deadline to file requests for intervention. Parties shall have until March 10, 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 10th day of February, 2000.

s/Ennis John Gidney
Ennis John Gidney
Hearing Officer

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

FILED: February 10, 2000

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

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