

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Docket No. 6372

Tariff filing of Rochester Electric Light and)
Power Company requesting a 27.83% rate)
increase, to take effect May 1, 2000)

Order entered: 4/12/2000

**ORDER SUSPENDING TARIFF FILING
AND NOTICE OF HEARING**

REPORT

On March 15, 2000, Rochester Electric Light and Power Company ("Rochester" or the "Company") filed revised tariffs with the Public Service Board requesting authorization to increase its retail rates in the amount of 27.83 percent, to take effect on a service-rendered basis commencing May 1, 2000 (Tariff Filing No. 3823). The Company has asserted that the proposed rate increase will produce approximately \$205,362 in additional annual revenues. Rochester provided individual notice of the proposed rate change to all of its customers.

On April 10, 2000, the Vermont Department of Public Service, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. Section 225, informed the Board that it had reviewed the filing and recommended that it be suspended and investigated.

TEMPORARY ORDER

Under the provisions of 30 V.S.A. Section 226,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the tariff filing submitted by Rochester Electric Light and Power Company on March 15, 2000, is hereby suspended and shall not become effective until final determination of the proceedings hereby instituted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Board will investigate the changes proposed

by the Company to determine whether or not such changes are just and reasonable.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. Section 11(a)(2), that a prehearing conference will be held in this matter on Tuesday, May 9, 2000, commencing at 10:30 A.M., at the Public Service Board Hearing Room, Third Floor, Chittenden Bank Building, 112 State Street, Montpelier, Vermont.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 8, that Judith M. Kasper, Staff Attorney, is appointed to serve as the Hearing Officer in this proceeding.

Pending final determination of the cause, the right is reserved to said petitioner to apply to this Board for an immediate reasonable temporary increase or charge in rates upon establishing to the satisfaction of the Board, after public notice and preliminary hearing, that the public interest requires a temporary change in rates, charges or service, or that such change is necessary for the purpose of providing adequate and efficient service or for the preservation of the property of said petitioner.

DATED at Montpelier, Vermont, this 12th day of April, 2000.

VERMONT PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

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

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

Filed: April 12, 2000

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

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