

STATE OF VERMONT  
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Case No. 20-0703-PET

Vermont Legal Aid request for moratorium on utility and telecommunications shutoffs during State of Emergency	
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Order entered: 04/16/2020

**ORDER REQUESTING COMMENTS ON POTENTIALLY EXTENDING THE  
TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON INVOLUNTARY UTILITY SERVICE DISCONNECTIONS**

This proceeding concerns a petition from Vermont Legal Aid to the Vermont Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) requesting the halt of involuntary utility disconnections during the current state of emergency in Vermont as a result of the global COVID-19 pandemic. On March 18, 2020, and March 27, 2020, the Commission granted Vermont Legal Aid’s request and put in place until April 30, 2020, a temporary moratorium on certain utility disconnections.<sup>1</sup>

After we issued those orders, on April 10, 2020, Governor Scott extended the state of emergency until May 15, 2020.<sup>2</sup> In today’s Order, we ask for comments on whether we should now extend the end date for the temporary moratorium on involuntary utility disconnections from April 30, 2020, to May 31, 2020. Any comments on this proposed extension, including any objections and any requests for a hearing or for any other process on this proposed extension, shall be filed **no later than April 20, 2020**.

Today’s Order does not disturb our earlier request that any other comments on our March 18, 2020, and March 27, 2020, orders in this proceeding, including any objections and any requests for a hearing or for any other process, be filed no later than April 24, 2020.<sup>3</sup>

**SO ORDERED.**

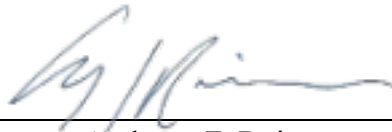
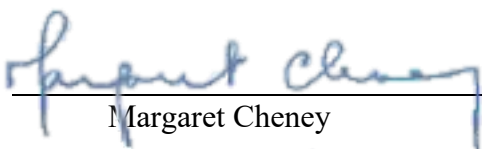
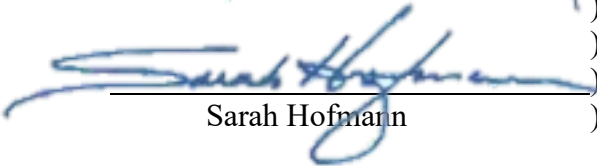
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<sup>1</sup> See *Vermont Legal Aid request for moratorium on utility and telecommunications shutoffs during State of Emergency*, Case No. 20-0703-PET, Orders issued 3/18/2020 and 3/27/2020.

<sup>2</sup> Vermont Executive Order, Addendum 9 to Executive Order 01-20, issued on 4/10/2020.

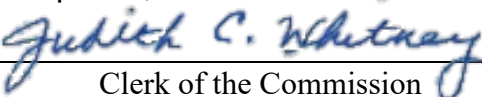
<sup>3</sup> *Vermont Legal Aid request for moratorium*, Case No. 20-0703-PET, Order issued 3/27/2020, at 4.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 16th day of April, 2020.

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