

STATE OF VERMONT  
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Case No. 18-2549-PET

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Petition of Green Mountain Power Corporation under 10 V.S.A. Chapter 43 for authorization to make changes to the Molly's Falls hydroelectric facility in Cabot, Marshfield, and Peacham, Vermont	
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Order entered: 11/08/2018

**SCHEDULING ORDER AND NOTICE OF SITE VISIT**

This case pertains to the proposal filed with the Vermont Public Utility Commission by Green Mountain Power Corporation (“GMP”) under 10 V.S.A. Chapter 43 for authorization to make physical and operational changes to the Molly’s Falls hydroelectric facility in Cabot, Marshfield, and Peacham, Vermont.

On October 29, 2018, I established a schedule for this proceeding that included a range of possible dates for a site visit.

On November 5, 2018, GMP filed alternative proposed dates for the site visit based on consultation with the parties.

On November 6, 2018, GMP proposed several modifications to the schedule where deadlines were on or close to state holidays. GMP represents that no parties objected to the proposed changes.

**Schedule**

I hereby adopt GMP’s proposed schedule changes, which are incorporated into the revised schedule below.

Nov. 14	GMP files supplemental testimony on emergency spillway conceptual design
Nov. 29	Site visit
Dec. 6	Alternate date for site visit
Dec. 13	Deadline for round 1 discovery on GMP by parties
Dec. 31	GMP replies to parties’ round 1 discovery
Jan. 16	Deadline for round 2 discovery on GMP by parties
Jan. 30	GMP replies to parties’ round 2 discovery

<i>If matter is not contested by any party:</i>	
Feb. 27	Parties file stipulations
Mar. 18 - 22	Evidentiary hearing if no contested issues remain
Apr. 8 - 12	GMP files proposed findings and order
<i>If matter is contested:</i>	
Feb. 20	Parties file testimony; ANR files draft 10 V.S.A. § 1084 certification
Mar. 6	Discovery on non-petitioner testimony
Apr. 3	Non-petitioners' reply to discovery
Apr. 12	GMP rebuttal testimony
May 10	Non-petitioners' discovery on rebuttal testimony
May 22	GMP replies to discovery
Jun. 12	Non-petitioners' surrebuttal testimony
Jun. 14	GMP request for live sur-surrebuttal testimony; deadlines for objections to prefiled testimony; <sup>1</sup> ANR final § 1084 certification
Jul. 8 - 12	Evidentiary hearing
tbd	Post- hearing briefs
tbd	Post-hearing reply briefs

### Site Visit

The site visit will be held at 10:00 A.M. on November 29, 2018. If the dam operator believes that, based on weather-related conditions or the weather forecast, there will be any difficulty in convening the site visit on that day, GMP is directed to notify me at least 24 hours in advance, so that the site visit can be rescheduled if necessary. In the event the site visit on November 29 needs to be cancelled, the alternative site visit date will be December 6, 2018.

The site visit will commence at the power plant at 78 Power Plant Road, Marshfield, Vermont (attached map provided by GMP). Due to limited parking at the areas to be visited during the site visit, carpooling is strongly encouraged. The parties are directed to notify GMP at least two days in advance of the site visit on how many participants they plan to bring so that GMP can be prepared with sufficient hardhats and safety glasses for all attendees. Participants will need adequate footwear; hiking boots or winter boots with a good tread are recommended. Participants are also advised to dress appropriately for cold and windy conditions.

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<sup>1</sup> Commission Rule 2.216(C) requires that objections to admissibility of prefiled testimony and exhibits be filed not more than thirty days after such evidence has been prefiled or five days before the date on which the evidence is to be offered, whichever is earlier. However, in this case, GMP and ANR have agreed to depart from that requirement. Given their agreement, I am adopting it in this case.

At this time, I am recommending that we visit the Peacham Pond Dam. Parking is limited for access to the Peacham Pond Dam and participants will be expected to carpool to that location. GMP's Winter Drawdown Assessment, exhibit GMP-MP-7, was filed without Attachments 1, 2, and 3, which may provide useful information for considering winter drawdown conditions.

GMP is directed to file Attachments 1, 2, and 3 to exhibit GMP-MP-7 prior to the site visit and no later than November 29, 2018.

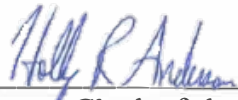
**SO ORDERED.**

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 8th day of November, 2018.

  
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Monica Stillman  
Hearing Officer

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

Filed: November 8, 2018

Attest:   
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Deputy Clerk of the Commission

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