

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Case No. 20-0789-INV

Vermont Public Utility Commission orders and memoranda issued in response to COVID-19 pandemic	
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Order entered: 01/18/2023

ORDER REINSTATING GUIDANCE ON FILING NOTICES OF APPEAL WITH THE COMMISSION

On April 23, 2020, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Vermont Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) issued an order providing guidance on how to file notices of appeal with the Commission during the pandemic.

On October 28, 2022, the Commission issued another order noting that it was close to completing the rulemaking process regarding modifications to Commission Rule 2.000, and that the revised Rule 2.000 would include requirements on how to file notices of appeal with the Commission. Therefore, in the October 28, 2022, order the Commission extended the applicability of the previously provided guidance only to filings made until the revised version of Rule 2.000 takes effect.

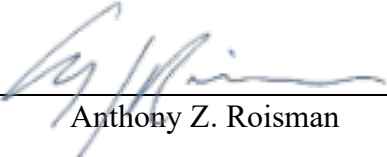
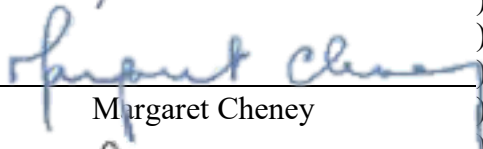
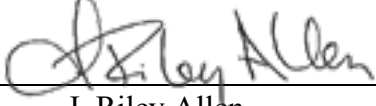
The revised version of Rule 2.000 took effect today. That rule requires notices of appeal to be filed with the Commission in paper. However, the Commission’s office is not yet fully open to the public. Therefore, the Commission is reinstating the guidance on how to file notices of appeal with the Commission that was contained in the April 23, 2020, order.

Therefore, until further notice from the Commission, parties filing a notice of appeal from a final decision of the Commission to the Vermont Supreme Court should file the notice of appeal via email sent to puc.clerk@vermont.gov. The Commission will consider the date the appeal was filed to be the date the document was emailed to the clerk. The subject line of all such emails sent to the clerk must start with the words “Notice of appeal attached” and must include the case number in which the order (or orders) being appealed was issued.

A paper copy of the notice of appeal must still be mailed to the Commission, and entry fees must still be paid in the manner set forth in Rule 3 of the Vermont Rules of Appellate Procedure or as otherwise determined by the Vermont Supreme Court.

SO ORDERED.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 18th day of January, 2023.

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Clerk of the Commission

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