

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Docket No. 6946

Investigation into the existing rates of)
Central Vermont Public Service Corporation)

Order entered: 4/7/2004

**ORDER OPENING INVESTIGATION AND
NOTICE OF PREHEARING CONFERENCE**

I. INTRODUCTION

On March 26, 2004, the Vermont Department of Public Service ("Department") filed a letter in which the Department petitions the Public Service Board ("Board") to open an investigation into the justness and reasonableness of the existing rates of Central Vermont Public Service Corporation ("Central Vermont"). Accordingly, today we open an investigation into the justness and reasonableness of Central Vermont's rates, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 227(b). In this proceeding, we may or may not determine it necessary to adjust Central Vermont's rates. If, at the conclusion of this investigation, we find that Central Vermont's rates should be adjusted downward, we shall order Central Vermont to refund with interest all monies collected, which are in excess of the rates we conclude to be just and reasonable, as provided by 30 V.S.A. § 227(b).

II. ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by the Public Service Board of the State of Vermont that:

1. Pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 227(b), an investigation into the existing rates of Central Vermont Public Service Corporation is opened.
2. Pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 10, the Public Service Board will hold a prehearing conference in this matter on Wednesday, April 21, 2004, commencing at 11:00 A.M., at the Public Service Board Hearing Room, Third Floor, Chittenden Bank Building, 112 State Street, Montpelier, Vermont.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 7th day of April, 2004.

s/Michael H. Dworkin)

) PUBLIC SERVICE

s/David C. Coen)

) BOARD

s/John D. Burke)

) OF VERMONT

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ATTEST: s/Judith C. Whitney
Deputy Clerk of the Board

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