

VERMONT SUPERIOR COURT  
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Standing Order

### ENTRY ORDER

Remote and hybrid participation in Environmental Division proceedings is governed by Vermont Rule of Civil Procedure (V.R.C.P.) 43.1. Currently, all non-evidentiary proceedings are conducted remotely via the Webex platform. This standing order does not change that practice. For evidentiary hearings, V.R.C.P. 43.1 provides that the presiding judge may order a hearing to be scheduled as remote or hybrid for good cause based on a consideration of the following non-exhaustive list of factors:

- (1) Whether the locations involved in the proceeding have the requisite technological capabilities;
- (2) The health, safety, and convenience of the parties, counsel, court personnel, and proposed witnesses;
- (3) The importance, complexity, nature, and expected duration of the proceeding, as well as the time and expenses of travel.
- (4) Any other factors, listed in V.R.C.P. 43.1 or otherwise, that the court deems relevant.

V.R.C.P. 43.1(d), (h).

Upon consideration of these factors, and until further notice, any Notice of Hearing in a case in this Division that specifies that a hearing is remote or hybrid is sufficient to give the required notice under V.R.C.P. 43.1. The Court retains discretion to permit or require in-person participation and to alter the terms of this standing order in a particular case. To request an alternative means of participation, a party must file a motion pursuant to V.R.C.P. 43.1(d)(2).

Electronically signed December 8, 2025 pursuant to V.R.E.F. 9(D).

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Thomas G. Walsh, Judge  
Superior Court, Environmental Division

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joseph S. McLean".

Joseph S. McLean, Judge  
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