

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
Before the
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
Petition for Temporary Delivery Rates

Docket No. DE 09-035

UNITIL ENERGY SYSTEMS, INC.
PETITION TO INTERVENE

Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. (“Unitil” or “Company”) hereby respectfully petitions for full party intervenor status, with certain limitations as discussed below, in the above captioned matter pursuant to RSA 541-A: 32 and N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.17 and RSA 541-A:32,I(b). In support of its Petition, Unitil states the following:

1. On April 17, 2009, Public Service Company of New Hampshire (“PSNH”) filed with the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) a petition for temporary delivery rates pursuant to New Hampshire RSA 378:27. In its Order of Notice issued on April 30, 2009, the Commission stated that the filing raises issues related to whether the proposed temporary rates and estimated permanent rates are just, reasonable and lawful as required by RSA 378:7 and whether the proposed rates yield a reasonable rate of return on the cost of property that is prudent as well as used and useful in the public service, less accumulated depreciation, as required by RSA 378:27 and 28.

2. Unitil Energy is a New Hampshire corporation and public utility primarily engaged in the distribution of electricity in the capital and southeastern seacoast regions of New Hampshire. Unitil’s primary place of business is located at 6 Liberty Lane West, Hampton, New Hampshire.

3. Unitil’s retail rates are regulated by the Commission. Many of the issues raised or which may be raised in this docket may be applicable to Unitil in a subsequent proceeding. Therefore, any action the Commission may take with respect to PSNH’s filing may impact the rights, duties and interests of Unitil or its customers. These interests are substantial and are not adequately represented by any other party to this proceeding.

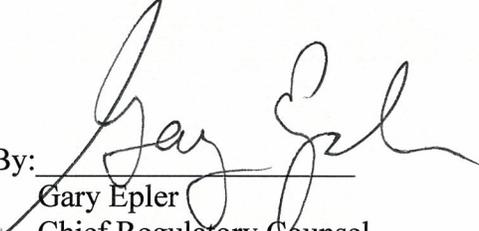
4. Unitil requests that it be granted status as a full intervenor in this docket, subject to the following voluntary limitations: That it be entitled to receive all pleadings and other documents, all discovery that is not confidential, and all e-mails and other correspondence among the Parties and Staff, with the exception of materials relating to settlement negotiations and/or confidential matters. At this time Unitil does not intend to submit discovery, attend technical sessions, present or cross-examine witnesses or file closing briefs. If Unitil seeks to withdraw or modify these voluntary limitations it will do so only upon petition to the Commission and adequate notice to all parties.

5. Granting of Unitil's Petition for Intervention will not impair the orderly and prompt conduct of the proceedings.

6. Unitil circulated a draft of this Petition to Intervene to counsel for PSNH on May 11, 2009.

WHEREFORE Unitil respectfully requests that the Commission grant its Petition to Intervene and such further relief as may be just and equitable.

Respectfully submitted,
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that, on the date written below, a copy of the above Petition to Intervene was hand-delivered or sent by First Class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, to the following persons:

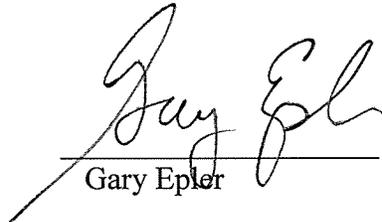
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