BEFORE THE NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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UNITIL ENERGY SYSTEMS, INC.)	DOCKET NO. DE 12-003
Petitioner)	
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PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO DEFAULT SERVICE SOLICITATION PROCESS FOR G1 AND NON-G1 CUSTOMERS

Unitil Energy Systems, Inc., ("UES" or "Company") submits this Petition requesting approval of the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") of:

- 1) UES's proposal to seek separate pricing for the small, medium and large customers groups for volumes equal to 100% of load requirements for six-month periods;
- 2) UES's proposal to seek variable pricing for the large customer (G-1) group based on the locational marginal price and fixed monthly adder; and
- 3) UES's proposal to move the timing of its periodic solicitations forward by one month.

In support of its Petition, UES states the following:

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UES is a New Hampshire corporation and public utility primarily engaged in the distribution of electricity in the capital and seacoast regions of New Hampshire.

Background

UES currently solicits for DS power supplies pursuant to the terms of the Settlement Agreement in Docket DE 05-064 as approved by the Commission in NHPUC Order No. 24,511 and subsequent related proceedings. Under the current structure, UES solicits 100% of load requirements for its G1 default service power supply for three-

month periods. For the Non-G1 customers, UES solicits blocks of 25% of load requirements for periods of either 12-month or 24-months.

UES proposes the following changes to the DS procurement structure: (1) move the effective dates for DS supply contracts, and thus the RFP issuance dates, forward by one month; (2) for Non-G1 customers, change the duration and percentage of Non-G1 load requirements to be purchased and split the Non-G1 load into small and medium customer groups each of which would be contracted for separately; and (3) for G1 customers, change the pricing structure from fixed pricing to variable pricing and change the duration of the supply purchases. As discussed in the accompanying testimony, UES believes these proposed changes will result in more efficient pricing for customers.

UES is not seeking to change the DS solicitation process, as it would continue to issue RFPs for its DS power supplies and would continue to provide a similar filing following each solicitation seeking Commission approval of the recovery of costs from the resulting contracts.

Description of Exhibits

Attached to this Petition is the following Exhibit:

Exhibit RSF-1: Testimony and Schedules of Robert S. Furino.

Request for Approvals

UES respectfully requests that the Commission issue a final order by August 3, 2012 in order to allow for the beginning of a transition to the revised solicitation process starting with contracts for service starting November 1, 2012.

Conclusion

For all of the foregoing reasons, UES requests that the Commission grant it the approvals requested in this Petition, and for such other relief as the Commission may deem necessary and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

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