

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DE 23-XXX

UNITIL ENERGY SYSTEMS, INC.

**RELIABILITY ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM AND VEGETATION
MANAGEMENT PROGRAM REPORT – FISCAL YEAR 2024**

MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE ANNUAL REPORT

NOW COMES Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. ("Unitil" or "the Company") and, pursuant to N.H. Admin. Rule Puc 202.04, respectfully moves the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (the "Commission") to grant the Company a modest two-day extension of time to file its annual Reliability Enhancement Program ("REP"), Vegetation Management Program ("VMP"), and Storm Resiliency Program ("SRP") Report. The New Hampshire Department of Energy ("DOE") assents to the relief requested in this motion. The Company has made a good faith attempt to gain the consent of the New Hampshire Office of the Consumer Advocate ("OCA") to this motion, but as of this writing has not received a response. The Company notes that the Commission has not yet opened a docket for this matter, and that the OCA did not file an appearance in the Company's previous REP / VMP docket, DE 22-078.

In support of this Motion, UES states as follows:

1. In Docket DE 20-098, the Commission approved Unitil's proposed adjustment to its external delivery charge rates, which include the over-or under-collection from Unitil's REP, VMP, and SRP programs. In its Order approving the proposed adjustments, the Commission instructed Unitil to submit its annual VMP and REP reports, as well as its annual Storm Resiliency Report, by November 15 of each year "to allow sufficient

time for Staff and others to review Unitil's proposed projects prior to the start of the next calendar year." DE 20-098, Unitil Energy Systems, Inc., Order No. 26,388 at 5 (July 31, 2020). Unitil filed timely REP / VMP / SRP reports in 2020 and 2021. See generally DE 20-183, DE 21-139. In 2022, the Company obtained a one-week extension to file its report. DE 22-078, Unitil Energy Systems, Inc., Procedural Order (November 16, 2022).

2. Unitil is in the process of preparing its annual REP / VMP / SRP report for fiscal year 2024. Due to the unavailability of certain key personnel this week, the Company is unable to submit the report on or before November 15 as directed by the Commission in Order No. 26,388. The Company therefore requests a modest two-day extension of time to Friday, November 17, 2023 to complete and file its annual report.

3. The Company submits that the requested extension will not unduly delay this or any other proceeding, and will not adversely affect the rights of any party. There will still be ample time for any interested parties to review the Company's report prior to the end of the year. As noted above, the DOE assents to the motion and the OCA did not file an appearance in the Company's previous REP / VMP docket, DE 22-078.

4. Conversely, declining to grant the extension will cause undue hardship or inconvenience for the Company, as it is unable to complete and file the report by November 15.

5. For the reasons stated herein, the Company respectfully requests that the Commission grant a modest extension of time from November 15 to November 17 for the Company to file its REP / VMP / SRP report.

WHEREFORE, Unitil respectfully requests that the Commission issue an order granting the extension requested by the Company.

Respectfully submitted,

Unitil Energy Systems, Inc.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. H. Taylor', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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