

**BEFORE THE NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**UNITIL ENERGY SYSTEMS, INC.**  
**Petitioner**

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**DOCKET NO. DE 18-036**

**PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF STEP INCREASE AND OTHER RATE  
ADJUSTMENTS**

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

- 1) A 2018 Step Adjustment of \$3,302,989 effective May 1, 2018 to reflect the recovery of 2017 capital additions of \$32,687,415, in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 2.1 of the Settlement Agreement in DE 16-384;
- 2) A reduction in revenue requirement of \$2,244,744, in compliance with Commission Order No. 26,096 in Docket IR 18-001 to reflect the impact of federal and state corporate tax reductions (the “Tax Act”);
- 3) Pursuant to paragraph 2.3 of Settlement Agreement in DE 16-384, removal from the revenue requirement of Recoupment revenue of \$1,411,065;
- 4) Transferring the costs incurred by the Company as a result of the October 2017 wind storm from the MSCR to the Storm Reconciliation Adjustment Factor (“SRAF”); and
- 6) A reduction in the SRAF of 14.4% on May 1, 2018 after including the October 2017 wind storm costs and accounting for the drop-off of the recovery of the costs of Hurricane Sandy.

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.

### **Description of Exhibits**

In support of the relief requested in this Petition are the following Exhibits:

Exhibit DLC-1: Testimony and Schedules of David L. Chong.

Exhibit RLF-1: Testimony and Schedules of Richard L. Francazio.

### **Proposed Tariffs**

Unitil Energy plans to make a compliance tariff filing for effect May 1 once rates included in this filing are approved.

### **Proposed Rate Calculations**

Schedule DLC-9 REVISED shows the rate design from current rates to the rates proposed in this filing for each of the following individual adjustments: a) 2018 Step Adjustment; b) adjustments due to the Tax Act; and c) Recoupment.

### **Bill Impacts**

Bill impacts are computed and shown in Schedule DLC-10 REVISED. These reflect the distribution rates and the Storm Recovery Adjustment Factor as proposed in this filing versus currently effective rates. As a result of this filing, a typical 600 kWh residential customer on default energy service will see a monthly bill decrease of (\$0.11) or (0.1%). Impacts to other rate classes will be similar, but may vary based on size and consumption pattern.

**Conclusion**

For all of the foregoing reasons, and as supported in the testimonies and schedules accompanying this filing, 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,

UNITIL ENERGY SYSTEMS, INC.  
By its Attorney:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary Epler". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Gary" and the last name "Epler" clearly distinguishable.

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