

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DE 18-074

UNITIL ENERGY SYSTEMS, INC.

**Petition for Approval of a Tariff Change to Allow Higher
On-Bill Financed, Zero-Interest Loans**

Summary of Order *Nisi* No. 26,162 Approving Tariff Amendments

On July 27, 2018, the Commission granted Unitil Energy Systems, Inc.'s (Unitil) petition to increase the maximum loan amount of its Residential Energy Efficiency Program ("EELP") loans from \$2,000 to \$4,000, with a corresponding increase in the maximum repayment term from 24 months to 48 months. The Commission's Order, along with the petition and subsequent docket filings, other than any information for which confidential treatment is requested of or granted by the Commission, are posted on the Commission's website at <http://puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2018/18-074.html>.

The Commission determined that increasing the maximum loan amount and repayment term would be just and reasonable, consistent with electric restructuring policy principles and the goal of increasing energy efficiency underlying the three-year energy efficiency plan (2018 through 2020) for New Hampshire gas and electric utilities. The higher loan amount and longer payment term should encourage greater participation in Unitil's EELP, and result in energy efficiency savings that will benefit all customers.

The Commission delayed the effectiveness of its Order to ensure that the public receives notice of the Commission's determination and has an opportunity to request a hearing. All persons interested in responding to the Commission's action may submit their comments or file a written request for a hearing, which states the reason and basis for a hearing, no later than

August 14, 2018. Any person(s) responding to such comments and requests for hearing shall do so no later than August 21, 2018. Following consideration of any comments and request for hearing received, the Commission may further extend the final effective date of its order. The Commission's order shall become final and effective on August 27, 2018, unless the Commission orders otherwise.

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