

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
Before the
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

DE 19-197

ELECTRIC AND NATURAL GAS UTILITIES

Development of a Statewide, Multi-Use Online Energy Data Platform

MOTION FOR REMOTE PARTICIPATION

Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. (“UES”) and Northern Utilities, Inc. (“Northern”) (collectively, “Unitil” or the “Company”) hereby respectfully move the Commission, pursuant to Puc 203.07, to allow for remote participation of Unitil’s staff member who cannot appear in person during the October 6, 2022 status conference in the above-captioned docket. In support of this motion Unitil states the following:

1. On March 2, 2022, the Commission issued Order No. 26,589, approving a settlement agreement pertaining to a statewide, multi-use online energy data platform. In Order No. 26,644 (June 24, 2022), which clarified Order No. 26,589, the Commission requested that the parties provide a working model of the data platform at a status conference.
2. On August 11, 2022, most of the parties to the proceeding, including Unitil, filed a motion requesting that a prehearing conference be held for the purpose of presenting a live demonstration of the customer experience ahead of a more comprehensive status conference anticipated later in 2022. To meet the Commission’s requirement that the parties provide a “working model” of the demonstration, that motion requested that that a hybrid format be used. Additionally, the parties requested that certain presenters be allowed to participate remotely in that session.

3. On August 23, 2022, the Commission granted the request and scheduled a status conference on October 6, 2022. Further, the Commission granted the request for two individuals to participate in that session remotely. Relevant to this motion, the Commission also stated “Any other parties or witnesses wishing to appear remotely at the October 6 status conference . . . will be required to file a separate request.” August 23, 2022 Procedural Order in Docket No. DE 19-197 at 2. Consistent with that directive, Unitil submits this motion to request the remote participation of its witness, Jeremy Haynes.

4. Mr. Haynes works in Unitil’s Information Technology department and has been extensively involved in discussions and other work related to the development of the data platform. As such, it is important that Mr. Haynes be able to participate in the October 6 proceeding on behalf of Unitil. At the same time, Mr. Haynes has underlying health conditions that put him at increased risk for severe COVID-19 illness and he has a concern that in-person participation at the October 6 session would put him at unreasonable risk. Remote accommodations will allow Mr. Haynes to safely participate in the proceedings. Moreover, in that the October 6 session is already being held in a hybrid format, permitting Mr. Haynes to participate remotely will result in minimal, if any, disruption to the orderly conduct of the proceeding. Accordingly, Unitil requests that Mr. Haynes be granted permission for remote participation at the October 6, 2022 status conference in this proceeding.

WHEREFORE, Unitil respectfully requests that the Commission:

- (1) Allow Mr. Haynes to participate in the October 6, 2022 status conference remotely; and
- (2) Order such further relief as may be just and equitable.

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have caused copies of the above to be served on the service list in Docket No. DE 19-197



Dated: August 29, 2022

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