

August 5, 2021

## **BY EMAIL**

Dianne Martin, Chairwoman New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission 21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10 Concord, NH 03301-2429

RE: DE 20-170: Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. – Publication of Supplemental Order of Notice

Dear Chairwoman Martin:

In accordance with the Commission's DE 20-170 Electric Vehicle Time of Use Rates Supplemental Order of Notice dated August 4, 2021 and pursuant to Puc Rule 203.12, Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. published a copy of this Supplemental Order of Notice on the Company's website on August 5, 2021. The Company has provided an affidavit of publication along with a copy of the published notice.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

Carleton B. Simpson

Regulatory Counsel, Unitil Service Corp.

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Attorney for Unitil Energy Systems, Inc.

cc: Service List by Email

## State of New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission

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<b>Electric Vehicle Time of Use Rates</b>	)	<b>DE 20-170</b>
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## **AFFIDAVIT OF Carleton B. Simpson**

Carleton B. Simpson does hereby depose and say as follows:

I, Carleton B. Simpson, Regulatory Counsel, Unitil Service Corp., on behalf of Unitil Energy Systems, Inc., certify that the Supplemental Order of Notice, issued by the Commission on August 4, 2021, has been prominently displayed on the Company's web page since August 5, 2021.

Signed as of this 5th day of August, 2021.

Carleton B. Simpson

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## Filing Notices

The following notices are available for review:

Unitil - Electric Vehicle Time of Use Rates Supplemental Order of Notice (DE 20-170) On October 16, 2020, the Commission issued an order of notice in this matter. This supplemental notice updates the previous notice due to the expiration of the declared State of Emergency on June 11, 2021.

Unitil - Petition for Approval of Rate Recovery Mechanism for Property Taxes Reliability Enhancement Program and Vegetation Management Program Plan FY 2021 (DE 21-069, DE 20-183) On March 29, 2021, Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. (Unitil) filed a petition for approval of a rate recovery mechanism for property taxes, along with supporting testimony and attachments. Unitil's petition proposed a new property tax recovery mechanism for the recovery of the increase in property taxes associated with a change in RSA 72:8-d and 72:8-e. Unitil stated that RSA 72:8-d and 72:8-e require the Commission to establish by order a rate recovery mechanism for the property taxes paid by a public utility. In its petition, Unitil proposed new language to be included in its External Delivery Charge (EDC) tariff, Schedule EDC, if the Company's proposed methodology is approved by the Commission. The Commission docketed this request in Docket No. DE 21-069.

Unitil - Annual Reconciliation and Rate Filing Order Suspending Tariff and Scheduling a Hearing (DE 21-121) This order suspends Unitil Energy Systems, Inc.'s (Unitil) tariff proposing changes to its stranded cost charge (SCC) and external delivery charge (EDC) for effect with services rendered on and after August 1, 2021. It schedules a hearing on the proposed tariff for Friday, July 23, 2021, at 1:00 p.m.

Unitil - Request for Change in Rates Order Suspending Proposed Tariffs and Scheduling Prehearing Conference (DE 21-030) – This order suspends Unitil Energy Systems, Inc.'s proposed tariffs for temporary and permanent rate increases for 18 months, pending further investigation. It also schedules a prehearing conference for April 22, 2021.

Unitil Request to Amend Tariff and Provide a Non-Residential Energy Efficiency Loan to the City of Concord (DE 20-097) – ORDER OF NOTICE: In this Order, the Commission grants a request by Unitil Energy Systems to provide a non-residential energy efficiency loan to the City of Concord. Modification of Order No. 26,422 Effective Date and Comment Opportunity Timeline.

Unitil Request to Amend Tariff and Provide a Non-Residential Energy Efficiency Loan to the City of Concord (DE 20-

097) – ORDER OF NOTICE: In this Order, the Commission grants a request by Unitil Energy Systems to provide a non-residential energy efficiency loan to the City of Concord.

Unitil – 2021-2023 New Hampshire Statewide Energy Efficiency Plan (DE 20-092) — ORDER OF NOTICE: On September 1, 2020, Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities, New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc., Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy, and Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. (collectively, the Electric Utilities), together with Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities and Northern Utilities, Inc. (collectively, the Gas Utilities) jointly proposed a 2021-2023 Statewide Energy Efficiency Plan (the Plan), which includes energy efficiency programs and related rates, for approval by the Commission. The Order schedules a prehearing conference on September 14, 2020 at 10:30 am to provide preliminary statements with regard to the Plan, proposed rates, and any of the issues set forth in N.H. Admin. R., Puc 203.15.

Unitil – 2020 Annual Reconciliation (DE 20-098) - ORDER OF NOTICE: On July 2, 2020 the Public Utilities Commission issued an order suspending a tariff proposing changes to Unitil's stranded cost charge and external delivery charge for effect with services rendered on and after August 1, 2020. The order schedules a hearing on the proposed tariff for July 20, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.

Unitil – 2020 Energy Service Procurement Proceeding (DE 20-039) - ORDER OF NOTICE: On March 26, 2020, Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. (Unitil) filed a letter notifying the Commission of its proposed 2020 default energy service schedule.

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# STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

### **DE 20-170**

### **ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION UTILITIES**

## **Electric Vehicle Time of Use Rates**

## **SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER OF NOTICE**

On October 16, 2020, the Commission issued an order of notice in this matter. This supplemental notice updates the previous notice due to the expiration of the declared State of Emergency on June 11, 2021.

With the expiration of the State of Emergency, the Commission must now comply with all requirements of RSA chapter 91-A, including the requirement that a quorum of a public body must be physically present at the location specified as the location of the public meeting in the meeting notice. The Commission is aware that not all parties, including regulated utilities, have returned to full in-person work environments. Therefore, for the foreseeable future, the Commission intends to provide a hybrid approach to hearings to accommodate those who are remote and those who are physically present. A quorum of Commissioners will be physically present within a hearing room for all Commission hearings beginning June 14, 2021. In order to facilitate the hybrid approach, the Commissioners will also continue to participate on the webenabled platform. Parties and the public may continue to participate in hearings remotely using the Commission's web-enabled platform.

## Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby

**ORDERED**, that the Commission will hold a hearing in this matter at its offices located at 21 S. Fruit St., Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire, on January 4-5, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.,

January 10, 2022, at 1:00 p.m., and January 19-20, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. Commissioners will be present in the hearing room and will also use a web-enabled platform to conduct the hearing. Members of the public who wish to access the hearing remotely may do so by clicking here. If you have any difficulty obtaining remote access to this hearing, please notify the Commission by calling (603) 271-2431 as soon as possible. Parties and members of the public wishing to attend the hearing in person are encouraged to register in advance, on or before December 29, 2021, by calling (603) 271-2431; and it is

**FURTHER ORDERED**, that pursuant to N.H. Admin. R., Puc 203.12, the electric distribution utilities shall notify all persons desiring to be heard at the January 4-5, 10, and 19-20, 2022 hearing by publishing a copy of this supplemental order of notice on their respective websites no later than one business day after the date of issue, such publication to be documented by affidavit filed with the Commission on or before December 29, 2021. In addition, the Clerk shall publish this order of notice on the Commission's website no later than one business day after the date of issue.

So ordered, this fourth day of August, 2021.

Dianne Martin
Presiding Officer
Chairwoman

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# Service List - Docket Related

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