

**BEFORE THE NEW HAMPSHIRE  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**Docket No. DE 21-030**

**Unitil Energy Systems, Inc.**

**Request for Change in Rates**

**MOTION AMEND PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

The Department of Energy (“Department”) hereby moves the Commission, pursuant to New Hampshire Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.7, to amend the existing procedural schedule in DE 21-030, Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. (“Unitil” or “the Company”)’s ongoing request for change in rates to alter the date for filing intervenor testimony, the date for serving data requests based on that testimony, and the date for responding to those data requests.

In support of this Motion, the Department states as follows:

1. On March 1, 2021, Unitil filed a notice of intent to file rate schedules with the Commission. On April 2, 2021, Unitil filed its request for change in rates and all supporting materials, including pre-filed testimony. After holding a pre-hearing conference on the issues presented by the Unitil filing, the Commission approved a procedural schedule for this proceeding via Secretarial Letter on May 4, 2021. That procedural schedule provided for several rounds of data requests, technical sessions, and an opportunity for Staff/OCA/Intervenor testimony filed this coming Thursday, November 18, 2021.<sup>1</sup>

2. On November 9, 2021 Unitil filed revisions to certain testimony to correct errors that came to the Company’s attention during the course of discovery. On November 15, 2021, the

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<sup>1</sup> On July 1, 2021, the Commission was restructured by HB 2 in a manner that created a Department of Energy which would participate in proceeding similar to how Commission Staff participated prior to July 1, 2021.

Company provided its final responses for certain technical session data requests. On November 16, 2021, the Department of Energy Audit Staff's Final Audit Report relating to the Company's requested change in rates was filed in the proceeding.

3. In light of the recently provided audit report, testimony corrections, and discovery responses, the Department moves the Commission to amend the following dates within the existing procedural schedule, leaving all other dates in the existing schedule unaltered:

	Existing Schedule	Amended Schedule
Department/OCA/Intervenor Testimony	November 18, 2021	November 23, 2021
Data Requests to Department/OCA/Intervenors	December 2, 2021	December 6, 2021
Department/OCA/Interevnors Responses to Data Requests	December 16, 2021	December 20, 2021

4. Amending the schedule in the manner requested is in the public interest because it would ensure that the parties have adequate time to incorporate the results of the Staff audit report, revised Company testimony, and recently provided discovery responses into their own testimony. It would also ensure the parties have adequate time to develop data requests regarding Department/OCA/Intervenor testimony, and that the Department/OCA/Intervenors have adequate time to develop responses to those requests. Amending the schedule as requested would not unduly delay the proceeding because the remainder of the procedural schedule, beyond the dates described above, would remain unaltered.

5. The Department discussed this motion with all of the parties to the proceeding and can represent that all parties to the proceeding except for Chargepoint provided their assent to the motion; Chargepoint instead authorized the Department to represent that Chargepoint does not object to the motion. Since all parties either provided their asset to the motion, or authorized the

Department to represent that they do not object to the motion, the Department requests that the Commission grant this request on an expedited basis, prior to the existing November 18, 2021 testimony deadline.

**WHEREFORE**, the Department respectfully requests that the Commission amend the existing procedural schedule in the instant proceeding, on an expedited basis, to alter the date for filing intervenor testimony, the date for serving data requests based on that testimony, and the date for responding to those data requests.

Sincerely,

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