

**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
BEFORE THE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DE 21-030

UNITIL ENERGY SYSTEMS, INC.

ASSENTED-TO MOTION TO AMEND PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. (“Unitil” or the “Company”) hereby respectfully moves the Commission, pursuant to Puc 203.07, to amend the existing procedural schedule in DE 21-030, to briefly extend the date for filing rebuttal testimony from Tuesday, January 25 to Friday, January 28. The parties to the above-captioned docket have engaged in multiple productive days of settlement discussions and continue to do so. The short requested extension will enable the parties to continue to focus on these discussions. Unitil has contacted all parties to this matter and can represent that the Department of Energy (“DOE”), the Office of the Consumer Advocate (“OCA”), the Department of Environmental Services, Conservation Law Foundation, and Clean Energy New Hampshire all assent to the relief requested in this motion, and that ChargePoint does not object to the relief requested in this motion.

In support of this motion, Unitil states:

1. The Company submitting its filing in support of its request for a rate increase pursuant to N.H. Admin Rules Puc 1600 *et seq* on April 2, 2021. The Commission approved a procedural schedule for this proceeding via Secretarial Letter on May 4, 2021. The procedural schedule provided for written discovery, technical sessions, Staff/OCA/Intervenor testimony, and rebuttal testimony, the latter of which is due on Tuesday, January 25, 2022.

2. On November 18, 2021, the Commission granted the DOE’s motion to extend the time to file testimony from November 18, 2021 to November 23, 2021.

3. The parties commenced settlement discussions on January 7, 2022, a day that had been reserved for a technical session. The parties continued settlement discussions on the January 11 and January 13, days scheduled as Settlement Conferences, and continued discussions on January 18, 19, and 20. The parties have made considerable progress in these discussions, and intend to continue conferring about settlement today (January 21) and possibly into next week.

4. Due to the significant amount of time devoted to settlement discussions thus far, and the need for additional time to continue discussing settlement, Unital requests a small extension of time to file rebuttal testimony. This extension will allow the Company (and any other party interested in filing rebuttal) to continue to devote time and resources to discussing a settled resolution of this case. It is possible that such discussions, if successful, will obviate the need for rebuttal testimony on some or all topics in this matter.

5. In light of these ongoing settlement discussions, Unital moves the Commission to amend the following date within the existing procedural schedule, leaving all other dates in the existing schedule unaltered:

	Existing Schedule	Amended Schedule
Rebuttal Testimony (if needed)	January 25, 2022	January 28, 2022

6. Amending the schedule in the manner requested is in the public interest because it will ensure that the parties have adequate time to (a) continue and complete settlement discussions and (b) submit rebuttal testimony if necessary. As noted above, it is possible that

settlement discussions will obviate the need for rebuttal on some or all of the issues in this case. Amending the schedule as requested would not unduly delay the proceeding because the extension is only three days and remainder of the procedural schedule, beyond the dates described above, would remain unaltered.

7. As noted above, Unitil discussed this motion with all parties to this matter, and represent that all parties, with the exception of ChargePoint, provided assent for the motion. ChargePoint has indicated that it does not object to the motion.

8. The Company requests that the Commission grant this request on an expedited basis, prior to the existing January 25, 2022 rebuttal testimony deadline.

WHEREFORE, Unitil respectfully requests that the Commission:

A. Amend the existing procedural schedule in the instant proceeding, on an expedited basis, to alter the date for filing rebuttal testimony from January 25, 2022 to January 28, 2022; and

B. Grant such further relief as may be just and appropriate.

Respectfully submitted

UNITIL ENERGY SYSTEMS, INC.

By its Attorney:



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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that on January 21, 2022, a copy of the foregoing Motion was electronically served upon the Service List.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Patrick H. Taylor', written over a horizontal line.

Patrick H. Taylor