

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
BEFORE THE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Unitil Energy Systems, Inc.

Docket No. DE 21-030

ASSENTED-TO MOTION TO CANCEL CERTAIN HEARING DATES

Unitil Energy Systems Inc. (“UES” or the “Company”) hereby moves the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) to cancel a hearing day for this proceeding. In support of this motion, UES states as follows:

1. On April 2, 2021, UES filed its petition for a rate increase pursuant to N.H. Admin Rules Puc 1600 et seq. On May 4, 2021, the Commission approved a procedural schedule for the proceeding by secretarial letter. That procedural schedule called for the commencement of a hearing on merits in this proceeding on February 7, 2022. On January 21, 2022, the Commission issued a procedural order that made minor adjustments to the hearing dates and set the merits hearing for February 7, 8, 11, 14, and 15, 2022.

2. On January 25, 2022, UES, along with all other parties, filed a motion with the Commission noting that in recent weeks, the parties had engaged in discussions for the purpose of reaching a settlement in this matter. Further, the motion stated that the discussions had been productive, that the parties had reached a comprehensive agreement in principle, and that they were in the process of memorializing the settlement. At that time, the parties requested that the Commission cancel the hearings scheduled for February 7, 8, and 11 and retain the February 14

and 15 hearing days. On January 26, 2022, the Commission issued a procedural order granting the requested change to the schedule.

3. Up to and following the Commission's procedural order, the parties have continued to discuss settlement and have been actively working to complete the settlement document. That process, however, has extended longer than initially anticipated. To comply with the Commission's rules, Puc 203.20(e), a final settlement agreement would be required to be filed by the close of business on February 7, 2022. While the parties have been working diligently, a final document will not be ready by February 7, 2022. Accordingly, to allow settlement discussions to conclude and a written agreement to be finalized for submittal to the Commission, UES hereby requests that the Commission cancel the hearing date presently scheduled for February 14 and retain the hearing date of February 15.

4. UES is authorized to state that the Department of Energy, the Office of Consumer Advocate, the Department of Environmental Services, Conservation Law Foundation, Clean Energy New Hampshire, assent to the relief requested in this motion. The Company contacted ChargePoint regarding its assent to the motion but as of this writing has not received a response.

WHEREFORE, the UES requests that the Commission grant this assented-to motion and amend the procedural schedule as provided in this motion.

UNITIL ENERGY SYSTEMS, INC.



By: _____

Dated: February 7, 2022

Patrick Taylor, Esq.
Chief Regulatory Counsel

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that, on the date written below, I caused the attached to be served pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rule Puc 203.11.



Patrick Taylor

February 7, 2022