



July 29, 2022

BY E-MAIL

Daniel Goldner, Chair
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301-2429

Re: Docket No. DE 22-017: Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. Motion for Expedited Ruling on Default Service Procurement Timeline

Dear Chair Goldner:

On behalf of Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. (“UES” or the “Company”) I enclose a Motion for an Expedited Ruling on the Company’s Default Service Procurement Timeline. Included with the Motion are a supporting Technical Statement from Jeffrey M. Pentz and Linda M. McNamara, as well as accompanying Attachments A – E. As explained in the Company’s Motion and supporting documents, UES requests that the Commission approve a solicitation for its next default service period for eight months rather than the previously established six month period, and that for future solicitations, the Commission approve default service periods of August 1 through January 31 and February 1 through July 31, consistent with periods for the state’s other regulated electric distributions companies.

The Company’s proposal will have benefits in both the short and the long term for UES and its default service customers. In the short term, for the next solicitation, the Company believes that adding the two early summer months of June and July to the solicitation will have the benefit of mitigating what are likely to be extremely high winter default service prices. In the longer term, adjusting the solicitation schedule and resulting service periods will split the traditionally higher priced winter months, as well as the traditionally highest priced summer months. By splitting the higher priced months, the resulting rates should reflect more of an annual “average” rate over the course of the year and be less prone to significant differences between seasons.

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Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions concerning this filing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patrick H. Taylor", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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cc: Donald M. Kreis, Consumer Advocate
David Wiesner, NH Dept. of Energy