

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

Unitil Energy Systems, Inc.

**DOCKET NO. DE 21-030**

REQUEST FOR CHANGE IN RATES

**PETITION FOR STEP ADJUSTMENT**

Consistent with the terms of the Settlement Agreement filed with the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (the “Commission”) in this docket on February 11, 2022, Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. (the “Company”) hereby petitions the Commission to approve a step adjustment as called for in the Settlement Agreement and for such other relief as requested. In support of this Petition, the Company states as follows:

1. The full procedural history for this docket is set forth in the Settlement Agreement filed with the Commission on February 11, 2022.
2. Pursuant to Section 2 of the Settlement Agreement, the Settling Parties agreed that the initial rate change shall be followed by two additional Step Adjustments to rates on June 1, 2022 and June 1, 2023, effective on a service-rendered basis. This filing represents the first of those step increases.
3. Section 2.3 of the Settlement Agreement provides that the Company shall file its June 1, 2022 step adjustment with the Commission for review and approval on or before February 28, 2022 in accordance with Section 5.2.

4. Section 5.2 of the Settlement Agreement provides that the Step Adjustment filings shall include, at a minimum, a list of all capital projects completed in each Investment Year, which shall include a project description, the initial budget, any revised budget, final cost, and the date each project was booked to plant in service. In addition, each step adjustment filing shall include, for each project, all project documents, including but not limited to, Capital Budget Form, Construction Authorizations (including any applicable change orders), and Work orders.

5. Included with this Petition are the Direct Testimony of Christopher J. Goulding and Kevin E. Sprague (marked as Exhibit CGKS-1) and supporting Schedules (Schedules CGKS-1 through CGKS-9). The testimony, and the supporting schedules, present the Company's revenue requirement for its 2022 Step Adjustment based on 2021 capital spending, provide the Revenue Apportionment to the Company's rate classes, class Rate Design, and the resulting Monthly Decoupling Revenue Per Customer Targets for effect June 1, 2022, and provide class Bill Impacts associated with the 2022 Step Adjustment.

6. As described in the above-identified testimony, and the supporting schedules, this filing provides the relevant support for the Company's June 1, 2022 Step Adjustment consistent with the terms of the Settlement Agreement.

7. Pursuant to the terms of the Settlement Agreement, the June 1, 2022 Step Adjustment is capped at \$1,377,331. As described in the testimony and supporting schedules, the calculated 2022 Step Adjustment is \$1,376,786 for 2021 capital spending.

7. The rate adjustments requested by the Company in this filing result in rates that are just and reasonable and in the public interest and should, therefore, be approved.

**WHEREFORE**, the Company respectfully requests that the Commission:

A. Grant the Company's 2022 Step Adjustment request for a revenue requirement increase in the amount of \$1,376,786 as described in the included testimony and supporting schedules; and

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: February 28, 2022

**Certificate of Service**

I hereby certify that on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of February 2022, a copy of the foregoing Petition was served pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rule Puc 203.11.



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