



June 6, 2022

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

**RE: DE 22-026: Update to Step Adjustment Filing**

Dear Chairman Goldner:

On February 28, 2022, in Docket 21-030, Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. (“Unitil” or the “Company”) filed a petition, testimony, and accompanying documentation in support of the Company’s request for a Step Adjustment effective June 1, 2022, consistent with the terms of the Settlement Agreement currently pending before the Commission. The Commission subsequently opened a separate docket to adjudicate this matter, DE 22-026.

On May 3, 2022, the Commission approved, in part, the Settlement Agreement in DE 21-030, with certain modifications. With respect to the Company’s step adjustment proposal, the Commission held:

[W]e will approve the definitions provided in Subsection 5.1, the filing and investment year/rate year schedule provided in Subsection 5.2, and the other conceptual agreements provided in Subsections 5.3, 5.4, 5.5, and 5.6 with one exception. In Subsection 5.1.3, the Company calculated Change in Non-Growth Net Plant by multiplying the Change in Net Plant by the Percent of Non-Growth Net Plant. *As discussed at hearing, the Company should subtract the actual Growth Net Plant figure from the Total Change in Net Plant figure to calculate the actual Change in Non-Growth Net Plant figure.*

Order No. 26,623, at 25 (emphasis added). On May 10, 2022, the Company filed a Motion for Clarification requesting that the Commission clarify Order No. 26,623 to approve a revenue requirement of \$5,883,395. On May 12, 2022, the Commission issued an order clarifying that the annual revenue requirement approved in Order No. 26,623 shall be \$5,883,395.

On May 12, 2022, the New Hampshire Department of Energy (“DOE” filed a “Motion to Amend Procedural Schedule,” which included a request to postpone the May 17 hearing to a date sometime in June 2022, with a revised effective date for the step adjustment

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rates of July 1, 2022. The DOE indicated that it needed additional time to review the Company's step adjustment proposal, and that it would support the Company's collection of its step adjustment rates over an 11-month collection period (from July 1, 2022 through May 31, 2023) to compensate for this delay. The DOE represented that the Company did not object to its motion.

On May 13, 2022, the Commission issued an order amending the procedural schedule and directed the Company to file updated schedules to incorporate a revised 11-month collection period, no later than Wednesday, June 8, 2022.

Unitil now encloses, for the Commission's consideration at the hearing on this matter, the following schedules, updated to incorporate the changes described above:

- Second Revised Schedule CGKS-7 (Rate Design)
- Second Revised Schedule CGKS-8 (Monthly RPC)
- Second Revised Schedule CGKS-9 (Bill Impacts)

Unitil has also enclosed, for the Commission's consideration at the hearing on this matter, Schedule CGKS-10 (TOU-D Rate Design), which provides the rate development of the Company's Schedule TOU-D rates for effect July 1, 2022. The distribution rates for Schedule TOU-D are based off the proposed distribution rates for domestic service that include the step adjustment.

Finally, Unitil has enclosed, for the Commission's consideration at the hearing on this matter, clean and redlined copies of the following tariffs pages, for effect July 1, 2022.

NHPUC No. 3 – Electricity Delivery, Unitil Energy Systems, Inc

- Sixth Revised Page 1
- Fifty-Third Revised Page 4
- Original Page 5-A
- Seventy-Fifth Revised Page 6
- Sixteenth Revised Page 48
- Original Page 50-A – 50-D
- Fifteenth Revised Page 51
- Sixteenth Revised Pages 52-53
- Sixteenth Revised Page 52
- Second Revised Pages 69-B – 69G

The Company will submit these attachments separately as Hearing Exhibits to the Clerk in advance of the hearing in this matter.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions regarding this updated 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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Attorney for Unitil Energy Systems, Inc.

cc: Service List (by e-mail)