

**BEFORE THE NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

Docket No. DE 22-083

Unitil Energy Systems, Inc.

Proposed Light Emitting Diode Outdoor Lighting Service Tariff Charge

**MOTION TO EXTEND TIME/ PROCEDURAL ORDER re: RECORD REQUESTS AND
DOE RECOMMENDATION**

The Department of Energy (DOE) hereby moves the Commission, pursuant to New Hampshire Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.7, to amend the Procedural Order issued by the Commission in DE 22-083 on February 17, 2023 in Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. (Unitil or Company)'s Proposed Light Emitting Diode Outdoor Lighting Service Tariff Charge. The request is to extend the time for the DOE to file its recommendation with the Commission.

In support of this Motion, the Department states as follows:

1. On November 3, 2022, Unitil filed its Proposed Light Emitting Diode Outdoor Lighting Service Tariff Charge (Proposed Tariff or Tariff). The Company's Proposed Tariff, Schedule LED-2, was filed in accordance with the Settlement Agreement (the "Settlement") approved, in part, on May 3, 2022 in DE 21-030 (UES' 2021 Rate Case). Unitil proposed the effective date of the Tariff for August 1, 2023.
2. With its Proposed Tariff, Unitil filed the supportive testimony of Karen M. Asbury, the Director of Regulatory Services for Unitil Service Corp., which provides centralized management and administrative services to all Unitil Corporation's affiliates, including Unitil Energy Systems, Inc.

3. In her testimony, Ms. Asbury said that the August 1, 2023 effective date would provide the Company with “time to complete the scope of the project and review changes with the Company’s vendor, and implement and test the billing system changes.” Testimony of Karen Asbury at page 2 of 6, lines 9-14. If the Company is able to implement the changes sooner than August 1, the Ms. Asbury said it would so inform the Commission during the proceeding. She cautioned, however, that additional time may be needed if further changes to the tariff were required. *Ibid.*
4. On February 17, 2023, the Commission issued a Procedural Order re: Record Requests and DOE Recommendation (Procedural Order) in the instant docket, requesting Unitil to respond to certain record requests by March 1, 2023, and requesting that the DOE file a recommendation with the Commission no later than March 15, 2023.
5. On March 1, 2023, representatives of the DOE met with Unitil in teleconference to discuss the Proposed Tariff, and the DOE proposed some changes to clarify the terms of service to LED outdoor lighting customers as stated in the Proposed Tariff.
6. Unitil stated that it would have to contact its vendor to determine whether the proposed changes would affect the vendor’s work on the billing system that included the proposed tariff.
7. On March 3, 2023, Unitil contacted the DOE and indicated that the changes implicated by the DOE’s suggestions would not require additional work by the vendor.
8. Unitil maintains its original position that it will implement the tariff effective August 1, 2023 or sooner, if practicable.
9. Unitil has said it will file a revised an updated tariff consistent with the DOE’s recommendations, but did not indicate when that filing would take place.
10. To provide the DOE additional time to review Unitl’s response to the Commission’s Record Requests, and to allow additional time to allow the DOE’s recommendation to be sufficiently

specific so that Unitil can conform its subsequent tariff refiling to include DOE's recommendations, DOE requests that the deadline for filing its recommendations be modified to be no later than April 1, 2023.

11. In support of its motion, the DOE states that the extension of time will promote the expedited implementation of the proposed tariff, and is consistent with the public interest.

WHEREFORE, the Department respectfully requests that the Commission amend the existing Procedural Order by extending the deadline for DOE to file its recommendation to be no later than April 1, 2023.

Respectfully

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