

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DE 23-054

UNITIL ENERGY SYSTEMS, INC.

2023 Default Service Solicitations

SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER OF NOTICE

On December 8, 2023, the Commission issued Order No. 26,910, in which it required Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. (UES or the Company) to file

a proposal for an ISO-New England market-based procurement tranche of 10 to 20 percent, through whatever combination of direct Day Ahead and Real-Time ISO-New England market acquisitions the Company finds advisable, for the Company's upcoming August 2024-January 2025 energy service period for its small and medium customer groups, to be assessed by the Commission in a future phase of this proceeding.

Id. at 10. UES submitted this filing on January 22, 2024. All docket filings, other than any information subject to confidential treatment, are available on the Commission's website at www.puc.nh.gov/regulatory/Docketbk/2023/23-054.html.

The filing presents, *inter alia*, the following additional issues: whether UES's default service procurement process should be modified in accordance with its proposal for an ISO-New England market-based procurement tranche of 10 to 20 percent of the load through direct Day-Ahead and Real-Time ISO-New England market acquisitions for its small and medium customer groups; whether this proposal is consistent with the principles elucidated in prior Commission orders regarding UES's default service procurement process: Order No. 24,511 (September 9, 2005), Order No. 24,921 (December 12, 2008), Order No. 25,397 (July 31, 2012), and Order No. 26,679 (September 9, 2022), and Order No. 26,694 (September 30, 2022); as well as the Electric Utility Restructuring Policy Principles governing default service in RSA 374-F:3, V(c)-(e); whether this proposal is consistent with the goal of cost-effectively

meeting the state's energy needs and reducing the burden on ratepayers, *see* RSA 378:37 and RSA 12-P:7-a; and whether the resulting rates would be just and reasonable as required by RSA 374:2, and RSA 378:5 and RSA 378:7. Accordingly, a further phase of this adjudicative proceeding will be convened to address these issues.

The Commission will be conducting any hearings scheduled in this matter in person. The Commission will consider requests to conduct hearings using a hybrid format to permit remote participation by a specific individual only if the Commission has determined that a sufficient reason has been provided for why that individual would be unable to attend in person. Any party requesting that a specific individual be permitted to participate remotely should file a written request with the Commission's Clerk's Office no later than fifteen (15) days prior to the hearing date. If the Commission determines that one or more individuals will be permitted to appear remotely, then individuals in the Commission's hearing room, including the Commissioners, will be broadcast on a web-enabled platform.

Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED, that a further phase of this adjudicative proceeding be commenced for the purpose of reviewing and resolving the foregoing issues pursuant to RSA chapter 541-A, RSA 374-F:3, V(c)-(e), RSA 378:37, RSA 12-P:7-a, RSA 374:2, RSA 378:5, and RSA 378:7, and the Commission's procedural rules; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that the Commission will hold a hearing in this matter at its offices located at 21 S. Fruit St., Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire, on March 14, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. Three hours shall be allotted for this hearing; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that the New Hampshire Department of Energy shall file its position regarding UES's proposal, including the reasons for this position, on or before March 7, 2024; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that any entity or individual may petition to intervene and seek to be admitted as a party in this proceeding. Each party has the right to have an attorney represent the party at the party's own expense; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that, consistent with N.H. Admin. R., Puc 203.17 and Puc 203.02, any entity or individual seeking to intervene in the proceeding shall file with the Commission a petition to intervene with copies sent to UES and any other parties on the service list, on or before February 20, 2024. The petition shall state the facts demonstrating how the petitioner's rights, duties, privileges, immunities, or other substantial interests may be affected by the proceeding, consistent with N.H. Admin. R., Puc 203.17; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that any party objecting to a petition to intervene make said objection on or before March 1, 2024; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that parties shall file any proposed exhibits, written testimony, motions, or other documents intended to become part of the record in this proceeding with the Commission. Pursuant to the secretarial letter issued on March 17, 2020, which is posted on the Commission's website at <https://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Secretarial%20Letters/20200317-SecLtr-Temp-Changes-in-Filing-Requirements.pdf>, all Commission rules requiring the filing of paper copies are suspended until further notice. Parties may elect to submit any filing in electronic form unless otherwise ordered by the Commission. Filings will be considered filed as of the time the electronic copy is received by the Commission; and it is


FURTHER ORDERED, that routine procedural inquiries may be made by contacting the Commission's Clerk's Office at (603) 271-2431 or ClerksOffice@puc.nh.gov. All requests to the Commission should be made in a written

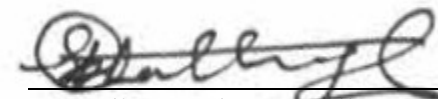
pleading filed with the Commission. Unless otherwise authorized by law, *ex parte* communications are prohibited; and it is

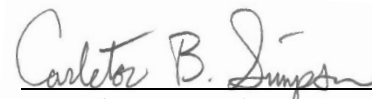
FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to N.H. Admin. R., Puc 203.12, UES shall notify all entities and individuals desiring to be heard at this hearing by publishing a copy of this order of notice on its website no later than two business days after the date of issue, such publication to be documented by affidavit filed with the Commission on or before February 16, 2024. In addition, the Clerk shall publish this order of notice on the Commission's website no later than two business days after the date of issue; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that any hearings in this matter shall be conducted in accordance with the previously issued hearing guidelines.

So ordered, this eighth day of February, 2024.


Daniel C. Goldner
Chairman


Pradip K. Chattopadhyay
Commissioner


Carleton B. Simpson
Commissioner

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