

BEFORE THE NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

UNITIL ENERGY SYSTEMS, INC.
Petitioner

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DOCKET NO. DE 24-065

**PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF DEFAULT SERVICE
SOLICITATION AND PROPOSED DEFAULT SERVICE TARIFF**

Pursuant to the terms of the Settlement Agreement approved by the Commission in Order No. 24,511 (September 9, 2005), and as modified by subsequent Commission Orders, Unitil Energy Systems, Inc., (“UES” or “Company”) hereby requests the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (the “Commission”) approve its solicitation and procurement of three contracts for Default Service (“DS”). The first contract is for 70 percent of medium customer (G2 and outdoor lighting) default service requirements for six months in duration, February 1, 2025, through July 31, 2025; the second contract is for 70 percent of small customer (residential) default service requirements for six months in duration, February 1, 2025, through July 31, 2025; and the third contract is for 100 percent of large customer (G1) default service requirements for six months in duration, February 1, 2025, through July 31, 2025. The Company also requests Commission approval of associated proposed tariffs incorporating the results of this solicitation into rates. Specifically, UES respectfully requests approval of the following Tariff Sheets:

- Thirty-Seventh Revised Page 74 Calculation of the Default Service Charge [Non-G1 Class]
- Forty-Eighth Revised Page 75 Calculation of the Default Service Charge [G1 Class]

As part of this request, and as discussed more fully below, UES seeks a final order granting the approvals requested herein no later than December 13, 2024. In support of its Petition, UES submits the prefiled testimony of Jeffrey Pentz, Supervisor of

Energy Supply, and Linda McNamara, Senior Regulatory Analyst. In further support of its petition, UES states the following:

1. UES is a New Hampshire corporation and public utility primarily engaged in the distribution of electricity in the capital and seacoast regions of New Hampshire.
2. The Commission most recently issued Order No. 27,059 (October 7, 2024), in which the Commission approved a modification to the solicitation process whereby the Company will include a self-supply market-based tranche of 30 percent for Non-GI customers. UES has solicited for DS power supplies for three contracts: the first contract is for 70 percent of medium customer default service requirements, six months in duration; the second contract is for 70 percent of small customer default service requirements for six months in duration; and the third contract is for 100 percent of large customer default service requirements, six months in duration. All contract deliveries will begin February 1, 2025. The remaining 30 percent of power supply for Non-GI customer groups will be purchased directly in the ISO hourly markets.
3. UES submits that it has conducted the solicitation process, made its selection of the winning bidders and entered into Power Supply Agreements in accordance with the representations set forth in its Petition submitted on April 1, 2005, as amended by the Settlement Agreement

filed on August 11, 2005 and as approved by the Commission in its orders in Docket No. DE 05-064 and subsequent related dockets.

4. Details of UES's compliance in this regard are set forth in Exhibit JMP-1 and the Bid Evaluation Report attached as Schedule JMP-1 thereto. A copy of the RFP with Appendices is included as Schedule JMP-2. A redline version of the final Power Supply Agreements with the winning bidders is provided in the confidential attachment labeled Tab A to Schedule JMP-1.
5. The rate calculations for the Non-G1 class Power Supply Charges, fixed and variable, are provided on Schedule LSM-2, Page 1. The rate calculations for the Non-G1 class RPS Charges, fixed and variable, are provided on Schedule LSM-3, Page 1.
6. Schedule LSM-4, Page 1, shows the proposed G1 Power Supply Charges, excluding wholesale supply charges, and Schedule LSM-5, Page 1, shows the proposed G1 RPS Charge.
7. Schedule LSM-7, Pages 1, 3 and 5, shows the calculation of time-varying rates for effect February 1, 2025 and June 1, 2025 applicable to customers taking service under Schedule TOU-D, Schedule TOU-EV-D, Schedule TOU-EV-G2, and Schedule TOU-EV G1. These rates would be incorporated into UES's tariff page 5-A, Summary Of Whole House Residential Time Of Use Rates And Electric Vehicle Rates, provided the proposed DSC are approved as filed.

8. Schedule LSM-8 provides the default service related discount rates which would be presented on tariff page 6, Summary of Low-Income Electric Assistance Program Discounts, provided the proposed DSC are approved as filed.
9. Schedule LSM-9 provides typical bill impacts for its non-G1 customers associated with UES’s proposed DS rate changes for customers who do not choose a competitive supplier.
10. The following table shows the specific rates for the residential class which the Company requests approval:

UES Residential (Rate “D”) Rates				
	Effective Date	Fixed Power Supply Charge (\$/kWh)*	Fixed RPS Charge (\$/kWh)*	Total Fixed Default Service Charge (\$/kWh)*
Prior Year Rate	2/1/24	\$0.10141	\$0.00577	\$0.10718
Current Rate	8/1/24	\$0.10334	\$0.00172	\$0.10506
Proposed Rate	2/1/25	\$0.09423	(\$0.00807)	\$0.08616

* Variable Default Service Charges are also available

UES requests protective treatment, pursuant to the procedures in Puc 201.06 and Puc 201.07, with respect to: the designated portions of Tab A CONFIDENTIAL of Schedule JMP-1; Schedule JMP-6; Schedule JMP-7; Page 2 of Schedule LSM-2; and any written materials, including correspondence with the counsel for the Department of Energy and the Office of the Consumer Advocate, that contains confidential material as defined in Puc 201.06(15). UES does not request confidential treatment of the identity of

the winning bidders, which are provided in the cover letter and also in the public pre-filed testimony of Mr. Pentz in Exhibit JMP-1, accompanying this Petition.

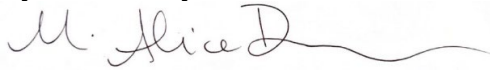
For all of the foregoing reasons, respectfully requests that the Commission issue a final order no later than December 13, 2024, and requests the Commission:

1. Find that UES has followed the solicitation process approved by the Commission;
2. Find that UES's analysis of the bids submitted was reasonable;
3. Find that UES has supplied a reasonable rationale for its choice of supplier;
4. Approve, based upon the above Findings, the power supply costs which result from the solicitation are reasonable and the amounts payable to the seller for power supply costs under the power supply agreements for G1 and non-G1 customers are approved for inclusion in retail rates beginning February 1, 2025;
6. Approve the tariff changes requested above;
7. Approve the Company's request for Protective Treatment of the designated confidential material pursuant to Puc 201.06 and Puc 201.07.
8. Grant any other such other relief as the Commission may deem necessary and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have caused copies of Unitil Energy Systems, Inc.'s, "Petition for Approval of Default Service Solicitation and Proposed Default Service Tariffs" to be served on the service list in this docket.

Dated this 6th day of December, 2024.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "M. Alice D" followed by a long horizontal flourish.

Alice Davey