STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

DE 22-073

UNITIL ENERGY SYSTEMS, INC.

Petition for Approval of Investment in and Rate Recovery of A Distributed Energy Resource Pursuant to RSA 374-G

Procedural Order Re: Proposed Procedural Schedule and Petition to Intervene

On January 18, 2023, the Commission held a duly noticed prehearing conference

in the above-captioned matter. Appearances were entered by Unitil Energy Systems, Inc.

(UES), the Office of the Consumer Advocate (OCA), and the New Hampshire Department of

Energy (DOE). The Commission took the petition to intervene filed by Clean Energy New

Hampshire (CENH) under advisement.

Following the prehearing conference, UES, the OCA, CENH, and the DOE agreed upon the following proposed schedule, which UES submitted to the Commission by letter dated January 25, 2023:

Data Requests (DRs)
Data Responses
Technical Session
Data Responses to Technical Session DRs
Intervenor Comments/Testimony
Settlement Conference
Settlement or Rebuttal Filed
Hearing on the Merits
Order

January 27, 2023 February 10, 2023 February 16, 2023 February 23, 2023 March 9, 2023 March 15, 2023, in the morning March 23, 2023 April 10-14, 2023 (1 day) By May 1, 2023

It has been determined that the proposed procedural schedule is in the public interest.

Therefore, it is approved.

A one-day hearing has been scheduled on <u>Tuesday, April 11, 2023, starting at 9:00</u> <u>a.m.</u> This hearing will be conducted in person, in accordance with the hearing guidelines issued on December 21, 2022. If additional time will be required, the parties are requested to notify the Commission within ten days from the date of this order.

CENH filed a petition for intervention on January 3, 2023. CENH stated in its petition that it has an interest in facilitating the development, ownership, and use of distributed energy resources. CENH requested that it be granted full intervenor status, because this proceeding would affect the rights, duties, privileges, immunities, or other substantial interests of CENH and its more than 500 members, which include current (and those interested in becoming) customer-generators and developers of net-metered facilities. CENH maintained that its intervention would be in the interests of justice and would not impair the orderly and prompt conduct of the proceeding.

No objections to CENH's petition were filed. The Commission has GRANTED CENH's request to intervene, finding that the discretionary standard for intervention in RSA 541-A:32, II, is met, insofar as granting CENH's intervention would be in the interests of justice and would not impair the orderly and prompt conduct of the proceeding. *See* N.H. Admin. R., Puc 203.17.

So ordered, this thirtieth day of January, 2023.

Daniel C. Goldner Chairman

Pradip K. Chattopadhyay Commissioner

Carleton B. Simpson Commissioner

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