

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DE 24-065

UNITIL ENERGY SYSTEMS, INC.

2024 Default Service Solicitations

SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER OF NOTICE

On December 12, 2024, the Commission issued Order No. 27,086, in which it required Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. (UES or the Company) to file, in the context of the Commission's approval of the Company's December 2024 default energy service solicitation proposals:

a proposal for the Company's upcoming August 2025-January 2026 energy service period that would include the following components: (1) an ISO-New England market-based procurement tranche of at least 50 percent, for the Small and Medium [default service] customer groups, along the lines approved in Order No. 27,059 and this instant Order, and with an explanation of the Company's choice of the given tranche size provided by the Company; (2) a full (100 percent) ISO-New England market-based procurement approach for the Large Customer [Commercial & Industrial (C&I)] Group, with a continuation of the monthly pricing approach, and the application of the proxy-price development methodology established by Order No. 27,059 for the Small and Medium customer groups on a discrete monthly basis; and (3) discussion by the Company of the additional resources that would be necessary for the application of a full Day-Ahead (versus solely Real-Time) self-supply purchase component going forward by the Company. This proposal would be assessed by the Commission in a future phase of this proceeding upon submission by the Company.

Order No. 27,086 at 9-10. UES submitted this filing on January 31, 2025, with a request for Commission action regarding its proposals by April 8, 2025.

Order No. 27,086 further directed the Company to file a position statement by December 20, 2024 regarding the potential integration of energy service reconciliation charges and any other charges, for example, uncollected accounts and internal Company administrative costs associated with default service, into collection/refund through a UES distribution rate charge. Order No. 27,086 at 10-11. In compliance

with that directive, the Company filed its position statement on December 20, 2024, and in that statement, indicated that UES would file a full proposal regarding these matters on or about February 14, 2025. On February 14, 2025, the Company made a petition filing proposing that the reconciliation of the Power Supply Charge and Renewable Portfolio Standard charges associated with its provision of default energy service be integrated into the Company's annual distribution Stranded Cost Charge rates. UES requested that the Commission render its decision on this proposal by May 15, 2025.

All docket filings, other than any information subject to confidential treatment, are available on the Commission's website at <https://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2024/24-065.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 50 percent of the load through direct Real-Time ISO-New England market acquisitions for its small and medium customer groups, and associated technical (including Tariff) proposals; whether UES's proposal to have a full (100 percent) ISO-New England market-based procurement method for its large C&I customer group, and associated technical (including Tariff) proposals should be approved; whether the Company's February 14, 2025 proposal relating to the application of the Power Supply Charge and Renewable Portfolio Standard reconciliations to UES's Stranded Cost Charge distribution rates should be approved; whether these proposals are 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),

Order No. 26,694 (September 30, 2022), Order No. 26,973 (March 15, 2024), Order No. 27,020 (June 14, 2024), and Order No. 27,059 (October 7, 2024); as well as the Electric Utility Restructuring Policy Principles governing default service in RSA 374-F:3, V(c)–(e), and those governing stranded cost recovery in RSA 374-F:3, XII; 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 374-F:3, XII, 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 April 2, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. Three hours shall be allotted for this hearing; 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 RSA 541-A:32, Puc 204.08, and Puc 203.06, 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 March 19, 2025. The petition shall state the facts demonstrating how the petitioner's rights, duties, privileges, immunities, or substantial interests may be affected by the proceeding, consistent with Puc 204.08; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that any party objecting to a petition to intervene make said objection on or before March 26, 2025; 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 in accordance with the Commission's administrative rules. 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

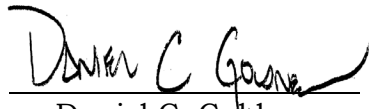
FURTHER ORDERED, that routine procedural inquiries may be made by contacting the Commission's Clerk's Office at (603) 271-2431 or ClerksOffice@puc.nh.gov. All requests to the Commission should be made in a written pleading filed with the Commission. Unless otherwise authorized by law, *ex parte* communications are prohibited; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to Puc 204.04, UES shall notify all entities and individuals desiring to be heard at this hearing by publishing a copy of

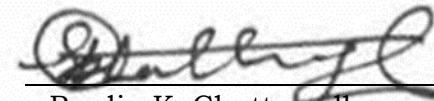
this order of notice on its website no later than two business days after the date of issue, such publication to be documented by affidavit filed with the Commission on or before March 12, 2025. In addition, the Clerk shall publish this order of notice on the Commission's website no later than two business days after the date of issue; and it is

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

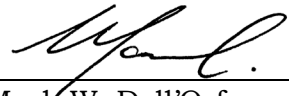
So ordered, this fifth day of March, 2025.



Daniel C. Goldner
Chairman



Pradip K. Chattopadhyay
Commissioner



Mark W. Dell'Orfano
Commissioner

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