

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DE 09-137

UNITIL ENERGY SYSTEMS, INC.

Petition for Approval of Investment in Distributed Energy Resources

Order Further Suspending Tariff

ORDER NO. 25,049

December 3, 2009

On August 5, 2009, Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. (UES) filed a petition pursuant to RSA chapter 374-G requesting several approvals in connection with distributed energy resource (DER) projects. With its petition, UES filed draft tariff pages.

On September 4, 2009, the Commission issued Order No. 25,010 suspending the tariff and scheduling a prehearing conference and a technical session. Following the technical session, Staff submitted two proposed procedural schedules – one for UES' proposed Time of Use Pilot Program, with a hearing requested for January 6, 2010, and one for the Crutchfield Place, Stratham and Exeter projects with a hearing requested for March 2, 2010. The Commission approved the procedural schedules for the Time of Use Pilot Program by secretarial letter dated October 13, 2009, and for the Crutchfield Place, Stratham and Exeter projects on October 22, 2009.

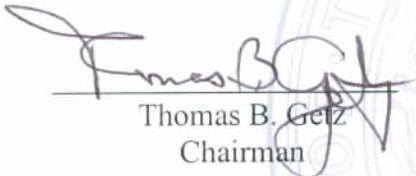
Order No. 25,010 suspended the tariff for 90 days through December 3, 2009. Pursuant to RSA 378:6, I(b), the Commission may extend the original suspension of a tariff if the investigation into the matter represented by the tariff cannot be concluded within a period of three months provided that the Commission provides a reasonable explanation for the extension of time.

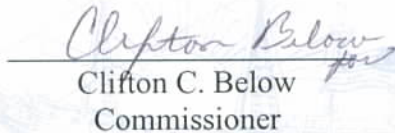
The procedural schedules in this docket were recommended by the Parties and Staff and approved by the Commission. The schedules demonstrate that additional time, beyond the three months provided by our prior order, is needed to complete the investigation of the matters in this docket. Therefore, pursuant to RSA 378:6, I(b), we will suspend the tariff for an additional five months in order to complete our investigation of the matters concerning the proposed tariff.

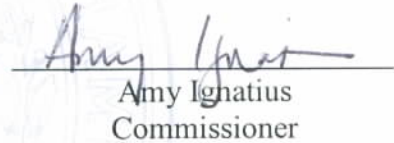
Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED, pursuant to RSA 378:6, I(b), UES' proposed tariff is suspended for an additional five months to allow the filing to be fully investigated.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this third day of December, 2009.


Thomas B. Getz
Chairman


Clifton C. Below
Commissioner


Amy Ignatius
Commissioner

Attested by:


Debra A. Howland
Executive Director