

**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**DE 16-384**

**Unitil Energy Systems, Inc.**

**Request for Change in Rates**

**PETITION TO INTERVENE OF THE ALLIANCE FOR SOLAR CHOICE**

Pursuant to New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules Puc 203.17 and Revised Statutes section 541-A:32, The Alliance for Solar Choice (TASC), by and through its undersigned counsel, respectfully submits this Petition to Intervene (Petition) in the above-referenced proceeding.

**1. Introduction**

TASC was founded by the largest rooftop solar companies in the nation and is a leader in solar advocacy and protecting consumer energy choice. TASC maintains a diverse membership of national and local installers, including Geostellar, Inc., LGCY Power, REPOWER by Solar Universe, SunTime Energy, Sunrun, Lightwave Solar, Palmetto Solar and Demeter Power. The rooftop solar market in New Hampshire has been driven by New Hampshire residents' desire to assert control over their electric bills, and TASC strongly supports the continuation of this consumer option. TASC's members are committed to ensuring the state's citizens have a viable choice in energy providers that offer near-term, low-cost, and customer-based solutions to integrate renewable energy resources and improve operational efficiencies. These solutions will help preserve both the health of the solar industry and the public interest at large.

Under RSA 541-A:32, a petition to intervene shall be granted if the petitioner demonstrates that they have "rights, duties, privileges, immunities or other substantial

interests” that may be affected by the proceeding, and “the interests of justice and the orderly and prompt conduct of the proceedings would not be impaired by allowing the intervention.” As discussed further below, TASC has a substantial interest in this proceeding and its intervention will not impair the interests of justice and orderly and prompt conduct. TASC therefore respectfully requests that the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (Commission) grant this Petition.

**2. TASC’s rights, duties, privileges or other substantial interests will be affected by this proceeding**

TASC has a direct and substantial interest in this proceeding because we work to develop local employment opportunities through solar energy and to help homeowners have a choice in how they get their energy. This proceeding arises from a request for a rate increase by Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. (Unitil). Unitil requests a permanent increase in annual revenues of \$6.26 million, which would represent an increase of 3.6 percent in total revenues above present rates. A significant component of this requested rate increase directly affects the New Hampshire rooftop solar industry as Unitil proposes substantial changes to its services for distributed generation customers, which could have far-reaching consequences if approved. TASC has direct involvement in the state’s solar industry, solar workforce, and clean energy future and as such, this proceeding is directly relevant to us.

**3. The interests of justice and orderly and prompt conduct will not be impaired by allowing TASC to intervene in this proceeding**

TASC’s intervention will not impair the interests of justice or the orderly and prompt functioning of this proceeding. TASC’s participation in this proceeding will be limited to the scope of issues and timelines the Commission establishes, thereby ensuring the orderly and prompt conduct of this proceeding.

#### 4. Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, TASC respectfully requests the Commission grant this Petition.

Respectfully submitted,

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