



July 1, 2021

Via Electronic-Mail

Dianne Martin, Chairwoman
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 S. Fruit Street
Concord, N.H. 03301-2429

RE: DE 16-576, Development of New Alternative Net Metering Tariffs and/or Other Regulatory Mechanisms and Tariffs for Customer-Generators
Unitil Energy Systems, Inc.'s Low-Moderate Income Pilot Program Update

Dear Chairwoman Martin,

Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. ("UES" or the "Company") hereby provides this status report regarding the development of eligible SB 165 projects in the Company's service territory. By way of background, as required by the Commission in Order 26,029 (June 23, 2017), all utilities were directed to develop a low/moderate income (LMI) solar pilot program. Order 26,029 at 63. This requirement was suspended by the Commission in Order 26,297 until July 1, 2021 due to the passage of SB 165 in 2019.

SB 165 modified NH RSA 362-A:9, XIV(c) to include an adder of 3 cents/kWh until July 1, 2021 and 2.5 cents/kWh thereafter for LMI community solar installations and that the Commission approve at least two LMI community solar projects per year within each utility service territory. The Commission further provided that if the two required LMI projects have not been developed by July 1, 2021, the utilities must file pilot programs by October 1, 2021. Order 26,297 at 7.

As of July 1, 2021, no qualifying SB 165 LMI solar projects have been developed within the UES service territory. The Company is developing a pilot program to satisfy the requirements of Order 26,297 which will be filed with the Commission on or before October 1, 2021.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any additional questions concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carleton B. Simpson".

Carleton B. Simpson
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