

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**DE 20-039**

**UNITIL ENERGY SYSTEMS, INC.**

**2020 Energy Service Procurement Proceeding**

**ORDER OF NOTICE**

On March 26, 2020, Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. (Unitil) filed a letter notifying the Commission of its proposed 2020 default energy service schedule. The schedule indicates, by customer group, the dates for (1) issuance of the request for proposal (RFP) for power supply, (2) submission of indicative and final bids, (3) filing the proposal with the Commission, and (4) issuance of the expected Commission order on the petition. Unitil provided the information for the six-month period beginning June 1, 2020, and the six-month period beginning December 1, 2020.

The petition and subsequent docket filings, other than any information for which confidential treatment is requested of or granted by the Commission, will be posted to the Commission's website at <http://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2020/20-039.html>.

Unitil conducts its default service solicitations pursuant to the process approved by the Commission in Orders Nos. 24,511 (September 9, 2005) and 24,921 (December 12, 2008), as modified by Order No. 25,397 (July 31, 2012). In Order No. 25,397, the Commission approved Unitil's proposal to modify its energy service procurement process as follows: (1) the default service period for customers taking energy service supply from Unitil begins on June 1 and December 1 of each year; (2) for GI (large commercial and industrial) customers, pricing is based on variable monthly prices and solicitations occur every 6 months; and (3) for non-GI (residential, small commercial, and outdoor lighting) customers, solicitations occur every 6

months, and pricing results in fixed monthly rates for the six-month period. In addition, for non-GI customers, the load is separately acquired, and priced, for both the residential customer group, and the small commercial and outdoor lighting customer group.

For GI customers, Unitil solicits variable pricing that passes through energy costs in the form of real-time locational market prices (LMP) for the New Hampshire Load Zone. Respondents to the RFP are asked to bid fixed adders to the LMP that would cover all other costs of supplying power, including a margin of return.

On March 3, 2020, Unitil issued the RFP for energy service power supply for all three customer groups, for the six-month period beginning June 1, 2020. Unitil will file a petition requesting approval of this solicitation on April 3, 2020, and will require an order by April 10 2020. Unitil will issue the second RFP on August 25, 2020, for the six-month period beginning December 1, 2020, with the associated regulatory filing to take place on September 25, 2020, requesting that the order approving the solicitation be issued by October 2, 2020.

The filing raises, inter alia, issues related to whether the power supply procurement is consistent with RSA 374-F:3, V(c)-(e) and Order Nos. 24,511, 24,921, and 25,397; and whether the resulting rates are just and reasonable as required by RSA 374:2, and RSA 378:5 and :7. Each party has the right to have an attorney represent the party at the party's own expense.

**Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby**

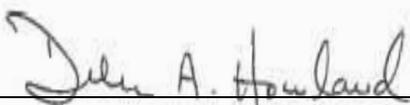
**ORDERED**, that, consistent with Governor Christopher T. Sununu's Emergency Order #12, the Commission will hold a web-enabled remote Hearing, pursuant to N.H. Admin. R., Puc 203.12 on April 8, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. Members of the public who wish to access the hearing may do so by dialing 1-415-655-0001 and entering the following meeting number/access code when prompted: 471 240 542#. **Should you experience technical difficulties dialing into or listening to the hearing, please notify the Commission at 603-271-2431;** and it is

**FURTHER ORDERED**, that Unutil shall notify all persons desiring to be heard at this hearing by publishing a copy of this order of notice on its website no later than one day after the date of issue. In addition, the Executive Director shall publish this order of notice on the Commission's website no later than one day after the date of issue; and it is

**FURTHER ORDERED**, that consistent with N.H. Admin. R., Puc 203.17 and Puc 203.02, any party seeking to intervene in the proceeding shall file with the Commission a petition to intervene with copies sent to Unutil and the Office of the Consumer Advocate on or before April 3, 2020, such petition stating the facts demonstrating how its rights, duties, privileges, immunities, or other substantial interests may be affected by the proceeding, consistent with N.H. Admin. R., Puc 203.17. Pursuant to the secretarial letter issued on March 17, 2020, which is posted on the Commission's website under the heading "Commission Response to COVID-19," any party seeking to intervene may elect to submit this filing in electronic form; and it is

**FURTHER ORDERED**, that any party objecting to a petition to intervene make said objection on or before April 8, 2020.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this thirty-first day of March, 2020.



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Debra A. Howland  
Executive Director

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