

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DE 13-262

UNITIL ENERGY SYSTEMS, INC.

Proposal to Discontinue Renewable Source Option

NOTICE AND SUMMARY OF ORDER NO. 25,597 APPROVING PETITION

November 22, 2013

On September 18, 2013, Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. (UES or Company) filed a proposal to discontinue its Renewable Source Option (RSO) program effective November 30, 2013. UES developed the RSO program pursuant to a settlement agreement approved by the Commission in Order No. 25,102 (May 7, 2010). Consistent with RSA 374-F:3, V(f), the program offers default service customers the opportunity to purchase, in addition to default energy service, the attributes of renewable energy generation in the form of renewable energy certificates. UES stated that since the outset of the program, participation has remained at about 0.01% of small commercial customers and 0.04% of eligible residential customers; the Company therefore requested that the Commission authorize the discontinuation of the program. Staff filed its recommendation on October 25, 2013, in support of UES's proposal. The proposal and subsequent docket filings, other than any information for which confidential treatment is requested of or granted by the Commission, is posted to the Commission's website at

<http://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2013/13-262.html>.

Based on its review of the petition and Staff's recommendation, the Commission determined that it was appropriate to discontinue UES's RSO program and agreed to discontinue the program on a *nisi* basis, consistent with RSA 374-F:3,V(f)(10). The Commission also

required UES to provide appropriate notice to customers currently participating in the program and information on alternative ways to support renewable generation.

All persons interested in responding to the Order *Nisi* may submit their comments or file a written request for a hearing that states the reasons and basis for a hearing no later than December 9, 2013 for the Commission's consideration; and any party interested in responding to such comments or request for a hearing shall do so no later than December 16, 2013. The Order *Nisi* shall be effective December 19, 2013 unless the Commission orders otherwise.