

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DE 21-030

UNITIL ENERGY SYSTEMS, INC.

Request for Change in Rates

Procedural Order Re: Motion to Accept Late-Filed Settlement

On Friday, February 11, 2022, Unitil filed a settlement agreement, including a number of attachments, with a motion to accept late-filed settlement assented to by all parties. Unitil and the parties did not, however, submit live Excel schedules supporting the settlement agreement.

Acceptance of the late-filed settlement agreement in this instance would not promote the orderly and efficient conduct of the proceeding, because the Commission does not have enough time and information to be able to review and evaluate the parties' settlement agreement and supporting attachments prior to the hearing scheduled tomorrow, Tuesday, February 15, 2022. See N.H. Admin. R., Puc 203.20(f)(1). Therefore, Unitil's motion to accept late-filed settlement is DENIED, and the February 15, 2022 hearing is POSTPONED. The one-day hearing, during which the Commission will consider the parties' settlement agreement, has been rescheduled to Tuesday, March 1, 2022, at 9:00 am. Unitil and the other parties shall file with the Commission live Excel schedules supporting the settlement agreement by February 16, 2022.

So ordered, this fourteenth day of February, 2022.



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