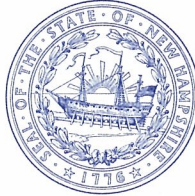


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Re: DE 08-015, Unitil Energy Systems, Inc.
Petition for Approval of Default Service Solicitation for G-1 Customers
Scheduling of Hearing

To the Parties:

On September 9, 2005, the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (Commission) issued Order No. 24,511 in Docket No. DE 05-064, Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. Unitil) which, among other things, approved Unitil's solicitation process for procuring default service for its G1 and Non-G1 customers. On December 5, 2008, Unitil filed a petition for approval of default service solicitation for its G1 customers for the period beginning February 1, 2009 through April 30, 2009.

In its filing, Unitil also seeks approval to discontinue the requirement established by the Settlement Agreement approved by Order No. 24, 511 to solicit bids with both energy-and-capacity and energy-only fixed price bids. Instead, Unitil proposes its next solicitation be for full-requirements service that includes the provision of capacity under fixed monthly prices. In support of its Petition, Unitil filed the testimony and related exhibits of Robert S. Furino and Linda S. MacNamara.

The Commission will hold a hearing on Wednesday, December 10, 2008 at 1:30 p.m., at which time the Commission will hear the testimony of Mr. Furino, Ms. MacNamara and Commission Staff. This approach is consistent with Order No. 24,511 at p. 15 which states "when Unitil presents its Supply Agreement and the accompanying rates, we will review the rates pursuant to RSA 363:17-a.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Debra A. Howland".

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