

**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**BEFORE THE**  
**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**Unitil Energy Systems, Inc.**

**Docket No. DE 21-030**

**JOINT MOTION TO CANCEL CERTAIN HEARING DATES AND REBUTTAL  
DEADLINE**

Unitil Energy Systems Inc. (“UES” or the “Company”), the Department of Energy, the Office of Consumer Advocate (“OCA”), the Department of Environmental Services, Conservation Law Foundation, Clean Energy New Hampshire, and ChargePoint, Inc. (collectively, the “Joint Parties”) hereby jointly move the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) to cancel certain of the hearing days scheduled for this proceeding and cancel, without prejudice, the deadline to file rebuttal testimony. In support of this motion, the Joint Parties state as follows:

1. On April 2, 2021, UES filed its petition for a rate increase pursuant to N.H. Admin Rules Puc 1600 et seq. On May 4, 2021, the Commission approved a procedural schedule for the proceeding by secretarial letter. That procedural schedule called for the commencement of a hearing on merits in this proceeding on February 7, 2022. On January 21, 2022, the Commission issued a procedural order that made minor adjustments to the hearing dates and set the merits hearing for February 7, 8, 11, 14, and 15, 2022.

2. In recent weeks, the Joint Parties have engaged in discussions for the purpose of reaching a settlement in this matter. The discussions have been productive, and the Joint Parties have reached a comprehensive agreement in principle and are in the process of memorializing the settlement. As the Joint Parties work to finalize a written settlement, they cannot do so and simultaneously prepare for hearings starting on February 7.

3. Accordingly, to allow settlement discussions to conclude and a written agreement to be finalized for submittal to the Commission, the Joint Parties hereby jointly request that the Commission change the current procedural schedule by cancelling the hearings scheduled for February 7, 8, and 11. The Joint Parties propose to present the completed settlement for Commission consideration at the February 14 and 15 hearings and anticipate that hearings on February 7, 8, and 11 will not be required.

4. Additionally, in light of the above, the Joint Parties request that the Commission further amend the procedural schedule to cancel the deadline for the submission of rebuttal testimony. On January 21, 2022, UES filed an Assented-To Motion to Amend Procedural Schedule to adjust the date of rebuttal to January 28, 2022 to accommodate on-going settlement discussions. The Commission granted that motion on January 25, 2022. In that an agreement has been reached as discussed, there is no longer a need for rebuttal testimony. Accordingly, the Joint Parties request that the deadline for rebuttal be eliminated, without prejudice.

**WHEREFORE**, the Joint Parties request that the Commission grant this motion and amend the procedural schedule as provided in this motion.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that, on the date written below, I caused the attached to be served pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rule Puc 203.11.



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January 25, 2022