



February 20, 2023

BY E-MAIL¹

Daniel Goldner, Chairman
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301-2429

Re: DE 22-073, Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. (Supplemental Testimony and Exhibits)

Dear Chairman Goldner:

On October 30, 2022, Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. (“Unitil” or the “Company”) filed a petition requesting that the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (the “Commission”) find the Company’s proposed 4.99 megawatt photovoltaic generating facility is in the public interest (the “Project”) pursuant to New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated (“RSA”) 374-G.

In its October 30th filing, Unitil explained that, consistent with the requirements of RSA 374-G:5, I(d)6 and 374-G, II(g), it is employing a two-stage, competitive Request for Proposals (“RFP”) process to select an engineering, procurement, and construction (“EPC”) contractor to design and build the Project. The Company conducted a Preliminary EPC RFP in Stage 1 of the procurement process and the results of that RFP are reflected in Exhibit FDGP-1 (Benefit-Cost Analysis) to the initial filing.

On November 30, 2022, Unitil issued the Final EPC RFP and received responses on January 20, 2023. Unitil has completed its evaluation of the RFP responses and selected an EPC contractor for the Project, subject to negotiating and executing a final contract.

To provide the Commission and the parties with the most up-to-date assumptions and inputs from the Final EPC RFP, the Company has updated its Benefit-Cost Analysis and prepared the enclosed supplemental testimony to explain each update.

In addition, at the prehearing conference the Commission expressed an interest in obtaining additional information concerning potential risks associated with the Project.

¹ Pursuant to the Commission’s March 17, 2020, secretarial letter, the filing is being made in only an electronic version.

The Commission and the intervenors also expressed an interest in understanding the sensitivity of the Benefit-Cost Analysis to certain assumptions and inputs. In the interest of being responsive to these requests, the enclosed supplemental testimony and exhibits provide additional qualitative and quantitative information and analysis concerning potential Project risks, and a discussion of the ways in which Unitil is measuring, managing, and mitigating those risks.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding the enclosed materials.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. H. Taylor', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Patrick H. Taylor, Esq.

Enclosures

cc: Service List