

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

UNITIL ENERGY SYSTEMS, INC.
Docket No. DE 23-002
Proposed Purchase of Receivables Program

**MOTION FOR CLARIFICATION OF CERTAIN ASPECTS
OF ORDER NO. 27,036**

Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. (“Unitil” or the “Company”) respectfully requests, pursuant to Puc 203.07, clarification of certain aspects of Order No. 27,036.

On July 19, 2024, the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (the “Commission”) issued Order No. 27,036 in Docket No. DE 23-002. The Commission approved the Settlement Agreement filed by Unitil on behalf of all parties (“Settlement Agreement”), with the exception of the effective date for the discount percentage rate (“DPR”). *Unitil Energy Systems, Inc.*, DE 23-002, Order No. 27,036 (July 19, 2024) at 10. In order to comply with the Commission’s Order, Unitil seeks clarification and further guidance on the effective date for the DPRs and the deadline by which the Company must make its annual reconciliation filings with the Commission. In support of its Motion, Unitil states as follows:

1. The terms of the Settlement Agreement provide that Unitil will calculate separate DPRs for the Residential Service Class and the General Service Class and the DPRs for each class will be in effect for a 12-month period with an effective date beginning May 1st subject to a potentially different effective date for initial implementation. *Settlement Agreement* at §§ 2.5, 2.7, 2.9, 2.10.
2. The terms of the Settlement Agreement further provide that Unitil will make an annual reconciliation filing with the Commission on or before March 1st of each year (subject to the

provision for a potentially different effective date for initial implementation) providing the calculation of the DPRs and the payment date that will be in place for the forthcoming year, with an effective date beginning May 1st (subject to the provision for a potentially different effective date for initial implementation). *Settlement Agreement* at §§ 2.5, 2.7, 2.9 2.10.

3. The Commission approved the Settlement Agreement with the exception “the effective date for DPR **reconciliation filings**, [which] is extended to August 1.” Order No. 27,036, at 10 (emphasis added). The Commission’s reason for modifying the effective date is to provide additional time for notice, input from the Department of Energy and interested parties on the proposed DPR calculation, any necessary proceedings, and issuance of the Commission’s order. *Id.* at 9 n. 3.

4. Despite the Commission’s reference to changing the date for DPR “reconciliation filings,” Unitil assumes the Commission’s intent is to maintain the March 1st filing date for the annual reconciliation filing and to adopt an August 1st effective date for the DPRs, which will remain in effect for a twelve-month period. However, in the interest of clarity, and to ensure the Company’s compliance with the Commission’s Order, Unitil seeks confirmation of the Commission’s intent by this Motion.

5. The Company further assumes that the Commission’s Order does not modify the provision in the Settlement Agreement that implementation of the POR Program may necessitate a different initial effective date and the initial DPRs will remain in effect from the date of the Commission’s approval until a new rate and payment date is approved for effect the succeeding August 1st. However, in the interest of clarity, and to ensure the Company’s compliance with the Commission’s Order, Unitil seeks confirmation of this assumption by this Motion.

WHEREFORE, Unitil respectfully requests the Commission provide the requested clarifications set forth above.

Respectfully Submitted,

UNITIL ENERGY SYSTEMS, INC.

By:

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 24th day of July 2024, a copy of the foregoing Motion was electronically delivered to the Service List in docket DE 23-002.

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Matthew C. Campbell