

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

**DE 23-068**

**UNITIL ENERGY SYSTEMS, INC.  
NORTHERN UTILITIES, INC.**

**Electric and Gas Utilities  
2024-2026 Triennial Energy Efficiency Plan**

**UNITIL ENERGY SYSTEMS, INC. AND NORTHERN UTILITIES, INC.  
MOTION FOR HYBRID HEARING**

Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. and Northern Utilities, Inc. (together “Unitil”) hereby respectfully request that the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (the “Commission”), pursuant to Puc 203.07, conduct the hearings in the above-captioned docket on a hybrid basis to allow participation by a Unitil witness who cannot appear in person due to health reasons. In support of this motion, Unitil states:

1. On July 13, 2023, the Commission issued a “Commencement of Adjudicative Proceeding and Notice of Prehearing Conference” (“Notice”) in this docket.
2. In support of the Joint Petition filed on June 30, 2023, Unitil submitted Attachments that were prepared by S. Elena Demeris.
3. In the Commission’s Notice, the Commission established a prehearing conference date of July 27, 2023. In addition, the Notice provided that the prehearing conference and any hearings in this matter will be held in person, but that the Commission would consider “requests to conduct hearings using a hybrid format to permit remote participation by a specific individual only if the Commission has determined that a sufficient reason has been provided for why that individual would be unable to attend in person.” Notice at 4.

4. By this Motion, Unitil requests that Ms. Demeris be permitted to participate remotely in the hearings held in this proceeding. Due to a health condition that results in mobility issues, Ms. Demeris is unable to travel to Concord to appear in-person. Subject to that limitation, Ms. Demeris is otherwise qualified and capable of participating in the hearings. The Commission has previously granted requests for Ms. Demeris to participate remotely in other Commission hearings,<sup>1</sup> and granting this request for a hybrid hearing will not prejudice any of the parties to this docket or the Commission, and will not impede the efficiency of the proceedings.

5. Good cause exists for a hybrid hearing and Unitil's request is reasonable under the circumstances, as it is necessary for the safety and health of Unitil's witness and will not cause prejudice to any party to this proceeding or the Commission. Unitil notes that its counsel and other witnesses will be present in person at the hearings. Unitil therefore respectfully requests that the hearings in this case be conducted on a hybrid basis to allow for remote participation by Unitil witness S. Elena Demeris.

WHEREFORE, Unitil respectfully requests that the Commission:

A. Conduct the hearing in this matter on a hybrid basis to allow for remote participation by Unitil witness S. Elena Demeris; and

B. Grant such further relief as may be just and appropriate.

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<sup>1</sup> See February 21, 2023 Procedural Order in Docket No. 23-002; October 14, 2022 Procedural Order in Docket No. 22-059; April 11, 2022 Procedural Order in Docket No. DE 20-092.

Respectfully submitted

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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that on January 14, 2023, a copy of the foregoing was electronically served upon the Service List.



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