

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

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

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DOCKET NO. DE 23-068

**MOTION FOR WAIVER AND/OR DETERMINATION OF SUBSTANTIAL
COMPLIANCE WITH NOTICE REQUIREMENTS**

Northern Utilities, Inc. d/b/a Unitil and Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. (together, “Unitil”) hereby request that the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (the “Commission”) waive its publication deadline and/or find that the Company has substantially complied with the terms of the Commission’s Commencement of Adjudicative Proceeding and Notice of Hearing (“Notice”) issued on July 13, 2023 in this proceeding. As detailed below, Unitil has substantially complied with the Notice’s requirements and provided ample notification of the July 27, 2023 pre-hearing conference, and there has been no prejudice to any party or participant in the docket. In support of this motion, Unitil states as follows:

1. On July 13, 2023, the Commission issued the Notice and set a pre-hearing conference in this matter for July 27, 2023. The Notice required that Unitil publish a copy of the Notice on its website within two business days of its issuance, by Monday, July 17, 2023. Due to an internal oversight, the Notice was not published on the Company’s website until Tuesday, July 18, 2023. That publication is confirmed by the affidavit of Ashley Hovatter, which is filed concurrently with this motion. By this motion, and for the reasons below, Unitil requests that the Commission waive the requirement regarding publication by July 17th and/or that it conclude that Unitil has

substantially complied with the requirements of the Notice and provided ample notice of the hearing in this matter.

2. Representatives from Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty, New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc., Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy; Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty, the Department of Energy, the Office of the Consumer Advocate, CPower, and Clean Energy New Hampshire were all included on the Commission's distribution of the Notice on July 13th. Accordingly, the majority of the parties to the docket have been afforded ample and adequate notice of the proceeding and the pending pre-hearing conference and have not experienced any prejudice as a result of the delayed publication on Unutil's website. The only party not included on the Commission's distribution list was Conservation Law Foundation ("CLF") and CLF filed a petition to intervene in this matter on July 13th. Therefore, CLF has not experienced any prejudice as a result of the delayed publication on Unutil's website.

3. With respect to the general public, the Notice has been published on the Commission's public website since the time of its issuance and has thus been widely available to any interested persons. Additionally, the Notice was published on Unutil's website on July 18th, which was one day after the Commission's deadline, and more than a week prior to the scheduled hearing in this matter and prior to the passing of any substantive deadlines in the proceeding. Accordingly, adequate notification has been made and there is no indication that the delayed publication has resulted, or will result, in any prejudice to the public.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons stated above, the Company respectfully requests that the Commission waive the requirement for publication by July 17th, and/or that it find that the

Company has substantially complied with the Notice and afforded the public and other interested persons ample notice of the July 27, 2023 pre-hearing conference in this matter.

Respectfully submitted

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on July 19, 2023, a copy of the foregoing was electronically served upon the Service List in this proceeding.



Matthew C. Campbell