## BEFORE THE NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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UNITIL ENERGY SYSTEMS, INC.	)	DOCKET NO. DE 24-077
Petitioner	)	DOCKET NO. DE 24-0XX
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## COMPANY'S MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE

NOW COMES Unitil Energy Systems, Inc., ("UES" or "Company"), pursuant to

New Hampshire Administrative Rule Puc 203.19, and respectfully moves the New

Hampshire Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") to consolidate Docket No. DE 24077, the Company's Revenue Decoupling Adjustment Factor Reconciliation filing and the

Company's Petition for Approval of its Annual Stranded Cost Recovery and External

Delivery Charge Reconciliation (not yet docketed). In support of its Motion, the Company states:

- 1. UES is a New Hampshire corporation and public utility primarily engaged in the distribution of electricity in the capital and seacoast regions of New Hampshire.
- 2. On May 24, 2024, UES filed its annual Revenue Decoupling Adjustment Factor Reconciliation, which the Commission docketed as DE 24-077. In its cover letter, the Company noted that it would file its annual Stranded Cost Recovery and External Delivery Charge Reconciliation on approximately June 17, 2024 and requested the Commission, to the extent it deems appropriate, review and approve these dockets together. On June 14, 2024, the Company made said filing of its Annual Stranded Cost Recovery and External Delivery Charge Reconciliation.
- 3. Both matters request Commission approval for rates effective August 1, 2024, and the Company anticipates overlap in issues relating to said proposals.

- 4. The parties in each matter include the Department of Energy and the Office of the Consumer Advocate, and no other parties.
- 5. Because timely resolution of both matters is pending, the matters involve the same parties, and because the rates for both matters will go into effect August 1, 2024, consolidating these two dockets will promote the orderly and efficient conduct of the proceedings.
- 6. Puc 203.19 states that when more than one application or petition seeks the same or similar relief, the Commission shall consolidate the cases to be heard on a common record if it determines that to do so will promote the orderly and efficient conduct of the proceeding.
- The Commission previously heard the Company's 2023 requests for approval of similar rates together in Docket No. DE 23-057.
- 8. Docket No. DE 24-077 has been scheduled for hearing at 9:00am on July 30, 2024. If the Commission grants the relief requested and consolidates the dockets, the Company asks that both dockets be scheduled for the same hearing at 9:00am on July 30, 2024.
- The Company's Motion to Consolidate has been filed along with its Petition for Approval of Annual Stranded Cost Recovery and External Delivery Charge Reconciliation and in Docket No. DE 24-077.
- 10. The Company reached out to the Department of Energy and Office of Consumer Advocate regarding this Motion. The Office of Consumer Advocate indicates that

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they assent to the Motion and the Department of Energy takes no position on this Motion.

WHEREFORE, by and through counsel, UES respectfully requests that the Commission:

- CONSOLIDATE Docket No. DE 24-077 and the Company's Petition for Approval of its Annual Stranded Cost Recovery and External Delivery Charge Reconciliation (not yet docketed); and
- 2. GRANT such other relief as may be just and equitable.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that I have caused copies of Unitil Energy Systems, Inc.'s, "Motion to Consolidate" to be served on the New Hampshire Department of Energy and Office of the Consumer Advocate.

Dated this 14th day of June, 2024.

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