

BEFORE THE NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

UNITIL ENERGY SYSTEMS, INC.
Petitioner

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DOCKET NO. DE 24-XX

**PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF ANNUAL STRANDED COST RECOVERY AND
EXTERNAL DELIVERY CHARGE RECONCILIATION
AND PROPOSED TARIFF CHANGES**

Unitil Energy Systems, Inc., (“UES” or “Company”) submits this Petition to the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) requesting:

1) Approval of UES’s Annual Stranded Cost Recovery and External Delivery Charge Reconciliation and Rate filing; and

2) Approval of proposed tariffs incorporating the results of the reconciliations into rates. In support of its Petition, UES states the following:

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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.

Background

UES’s filing in this docket consists of its annual reconciliation and new rate development of its adjustable rate mechanisms established pursuant to its tariffs approved in Order No. 24,072, 87 NH PUC 694 (2002). These adjustable rate mechanisms are the Stranded Cost Charge (“SCC”) and the External Delivery Charge (“EDC”). UES proposes to make the requested rate changes effective August 1, 2024, on a service-rendered basis.

Description of Exhibits

Attached to this Petition are the following Exhibits:

Exhibit LSM-1: Testimony and Schedules of Linda S. McNamara

Exhibit JMP-1: Testimony and Schedules of Jeff M. Pentz

Exhibit DTN-1: Testimony and Schedules of Daniel T. Nawazelski

Exhibit ELA-1: Testimony and Schedules of Emily L. Anderson

Proposed Tariffs

UES's proposed tariffs are included with this filing and are provided in redline as Schedule LSM-4 attached to Exhibit LSM-1. UES requests approval of these proposed tariffs. As explained in the direct testimony of Linda McNamara, the proposed tariff pages include, where applicable, all proposed August 1, 2024 rates, including those currently pending in DE 24-065 (Default Service) and DE 24-077 (Revenue Decoupling Adjustment Factor).

Proposed Rate Calculations

Schedule LSM-1 shows the calculation of the proposed SCC. The proposed EDC calculation is provided on Schedule LSM-2. The Company also provides the below table comparing the proposed rates to the current rates.

		<u>SCC (\$/kWh)</u>	<u>EDC (\$/kWh)</u>
Current Rate	Aug 2023-Jul 2024	(\$0.00010)	\$0.04486
Proposed Rate	Aug 2024-Jul 2025	\$0.00013	\$0.02539

Bill Impacts

Schedule LSM-5 provides typical bill impacts associated with UES's proposed SCC and EDC rate changes for all rate classes.

Request for Approvals

UES respectfully requests that the Commission issue a final order no later than July 31, 2024, containing the following findings of fact, conclusions and approvals:

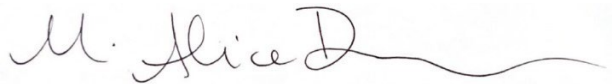
1. FIND that UES has accurately calculated appropriate changes to the adjustable rate mechanisms that are the subject of this proceeding;
2. FIND that UES' stranded cost and external delivery charges are just and reasonable and in the public interest; and
2. GRANT APPROVAL of the rates shown in the tariff changes requested herein.

Conclusion

For all of the foregoing reasons, UES requests that the Commission grant it the approvals requested in this Petition, and for such other relief as the Commission may deem necessary and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

UNITIL ENERGY SYSTEMS, INC.
By its Attorney:

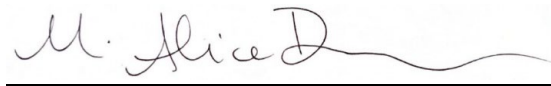
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have caused copies of Unitil Energy Systems, Inc.’s, “Petition For Approval of Annual Stranded Cost Recovery and External Delivery Charge Reconciliation and Proposed Tariff Changes” to be served on the New Hampshire Department of Energy and Office of the Consumer Advocate.

Dated at Hampton, New Hampshire this 14th day of June, 2024.

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Alice Davey