

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DE 23-002

UNITIL ENERGY SYSTEMS, INC.

Proposed Purchase of Receivables Program

SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER OF NOTICE

On July 19, 2024, the Commission issued Order No. 27,036, which approved the parties' settlement agreement establishing Unitil Energy Systems, Inc.'s (UES or the Company) Purchase of Receivables (POR) Program (Settlement Agreement). Order No. 27,036 continued the proceeding in this docket to a second phase, in which the Commission will review the Company's proposed revisions to its "Competitive Electric Supplier Trading Partner Agreement" (TPA) and "Terms and Conditions for Competitive Suppliers" (T&C) tariff.

The Commission issued a procedural order granting UES's motion to clarify Order No. 27,036, regarding the effective date of the Company's POR Program and the effective date applicable to annual reconciliation filings, on August 6, 2024. All docket filings, other than any information subject to confidential treatment, are available on the Commission's website at www.puc.nh.gov/regulatory/Docketbk/2023/23-002.html.

I. BACKGROUND AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY

In the Settlement Agreement, the parties agreed to bifurcate this proceeding, with the second phase to commence upon the Commission's approval of the Settlement Agreement. The Settlement Agreement provided that UES would implement its POR program if the Commission approved the proposed revisions to its TPA and

T&C tariff and after the Company received executed revised TPAs. UES has not yet submitted its TPA and T&C tariff filing.

II. ADDITIONAL ISSUES PRESENTED

The Company's TPA and T&C tariff filing will present, *inter alia*, the following additional issues: whether the Company's proposed revised TPA and proposed revised T&C tariff are consistent with the Settlement Agreement, as approved by Order No. 27,036 (July 19, 2024); whether the Company accurately calculated the components underlying the revised T&C tariff; and whether the rates resulting from the revised T&C tariff would be just and reasonable, as required by RSA 374:2, RSA 378:5, and RSA 378:7. These issues will be addressed in the second phase of this adjudicative proceeding.

The Commission will be conducting any hearings scheduled in this matter in person. The Commission will 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. Any party requesting that a specific individual be permitted to participate remotely should file a written request with the Commission's Clerk's Office no later than fifteen (15) days prior to the hearing date. If the Commission determines that one or more individuals will be permitted to appear remotely, then individuals in the Commission's hearing room, including the Commissioners, will be broadcast on a web-enabled platform.

Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED, that UES shall file the proposed revisions to its TPA and T&C tariff by August 23, 2024; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that the Commission will hold a hearing in this matter at its offices located at 21 S. Fruit St., Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire, on October 1, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. Three hours shall be allotted for this hearing; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that a second phase of this adjudicative proceeding will review and resolve the foregoing additional issues pursuant to RSA chapter 541-A, RSA 374:2, RSA 378:5, RSA 378:7, and the Commission's procedural rules; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that the New Hampshire Department of Energy and other parties shall file their positions regarding the UES's proposed revised TPA and proposed revised T&C tariff, including the reasons for these positions, on or before September 18, 2024; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that any entity or individual may petition to intervene and seek to be admitted as a party in this proceeding. Each party has the right to have an attorney represent the party at the party's own expense; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that, consistent with N.H. Admin. R., Puc 203.17 and Puc 203.02, any entity or individual seeking to intervene in the proceeding shall file with the Commission a petition to intervene with copies sent to the Company and any other parties on the service list, on or before August 30, 2024. The petition shall state the facts demonstrating how the petitioner's rights, duties, privileges, immunities, or other substantial interests may be affected by the proceeding, consistent with N.H. Admin. R., Puc 203.17; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that any party objecting to a petition to intervene make said objection on or before September 9, 2024; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that parties shall file any proposed exhibits, written testimony, motions, or other documents intended to become part of the record in this proceeding with the Commission. Pursuant to the secretarial letter issued on March

17, 2020, which is posted on the Commission's website at <https://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Secretarial%20Letters/20200317-SecLtr-Temp-Changes-in-Filing-Requirements.pdf>, all Commission rules requiring the filing of paper copies are suspended until further notice. Parties may elect to submit any filing in electronic form unless otherwise ordered by the Commission. Filings will be considered filed as of the time the electronic copy is received by the Commission; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that routine procedural inquiries may be made by contacting the Commission's Clerk's Office at (603) 271-2431 or ClerksOffice@puc.nh.gov. All requests to the Commission should be made in a written pleading filed with the Commission. Unless otherwise authorized by law, *ex parte* communications are prohibited; and it is


FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to N.H. Admin. R., Puc 203.12, UES shall notify all entities and individuals desiring to be heard at this hearing by publishing a copy of this order of notice on its website no later than two business days after the date of issue, such publication to be documented by affidavit filed with the Commission on or before August 16, 2024. In addition, the Clerk shall publish this order of notice on the Commission's website no later than two business days after the date of issue; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that any hearings in this matter shall be conducted in accordance with the previously issued hearing guidelines.

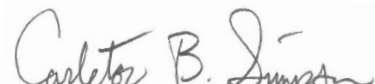
So ordered, this seventh day of August, 2024.



Daniel C. Goldner
Chairman



Pradip K. Chattopadhyay
Commissioner



Carleton B. Simpson
Commissioner

603-271-2431; TDD Access: Relay N.H. 1-800-735-2964. Notification of the need for assistance should be made one week prior to the scheduled event.

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