THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

DE 17-136

PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE D/B/A EVERSOURCE ENERGY, AND UNITIL ENERGY SYSTEMS, INC.

2018-2020 New Hampshire Statewide Energy Efficiency Plan

SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER OF NOTICE FOR COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL DEMAND REDUCTION INITIATIVE

On January 28, 2019, Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource) and Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. (Unitil) filed a Commercial and Industrial Demand Reduction Initiative (Initiative) pursuant to which Eversource and Unitil propose to offer commercial and industrial (C&I) customers incentives to reduce demand at key times. The Initiative and subsequent docket filings, other than any information for which confidential treatment is requested of or granted by the Commission, will be posted to the Commission's website at http://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Dock/2017/17-136.html.

In Order No. 26,207, the Commission approved a settlement among many parties, including Eversource and Unitil, thereby approving an implementation of an energy efficiency plan for 2019 that meets the previously approved Energy Efficiency Resource Standard. That settlement further provided that Eversource and Unitil shall commit \$343,765 to developing a demonstration initiative (*i.e.* pilot program) intended to test the potential for active demand response strategies within the C&I sector to achieve ISO-NE peak demand reductions. The Initiative was filed pursuant to that settlement and order.

The filing raises, <u>inter alia</u>, issues related to RSA 374-F:3, X and whether the proposed Initiative will provide appropriate incentives to achieve the targeted demand reductions in a cost effective fashion; and other issues concerning program implementation, information availability to customers, and data collection and evaluation. Each party has the right to have an attorney represent the party at the party's own expense.

Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED, that a Prehearing Conference, pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.15, be held before the Commission located at 21 S. Fruit St., Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire on February 27, 2019 at 1:30 pm, at which each party will provide a preliminary statement of its position with regard to the filing and any of the issues set forth in N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.15; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that, immediately following the Prehearing Conference,

Eversource, Unitil, the Staff of the Commission and any Intervenors hold a Technical Session to
review the filing; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.12, Eversource and Unitil shall notify all persons desiring to be heard at this hearing by publishing a copy of this Order of Notice no later than February 14, 2019, in a newspaper with general circulation in those portions of the state in which operations are conducted, publication to be documented by affidavit filed with the Commission on or before February 22, 2019; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that consistent with N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.17 and Puc 203.02, any party seeking to intervene in the proceeding shall submit to the Commission seven copies of a Petition to Intervene with copies sent to Eversource and Unitil and the Office of the Consumer Advocate on or before February 22, 2019, such Petition stating the facts

demonstrating how its rights, duties, privileges, immunities or other substantial interest may be affected by the proceeding, consistent with N.H. Code Admin. Rule Puc 203.17. Parties to the existing Docket DE 17-136 continue to be parties for the review of the Initiative and do not need to submit a petition to intervene for this phase; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that any party objecting to a Petition to Intervene make said Objection on or before February 27, 2019.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this fourth day of February, 2019.

Debra A. Howland Executive Director

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