

# Eversource and Unitil Demonstration Orders



On October 30, 2017, the Department issued Orders addressing the proposed Eversource and Unitil Demonstration Offerings, which the Council supported in its October 2016 Resolution.

- Department approved:
  - Eversource's C&I battery storage, thermal storage, software and controls, and active demand response projects.
  - Unitil's residential battery storage projects.
  - Timelines for implementation of these demonstrations are being developed.
- Department did not approve:
  - Unitil's C&I demand response projects, due to scale.
- Department's Orders also:
  - Established a standard of review for demand demonstration projects.
  - Confirmed that any new energy efficiency demonstration project requires EEAC review and Department review and approval prior to implementation.
  - Determined that the MTM budget flexibility does not apply to demonstration projects and any increase in demonstration project budgets requires Department approval.
  - Directed all Program Administrators to develop methods for identifying, calculating, and monetizing the potential benefits of deferred and avoided transmission and distribution capital costs and other distribution benefits for demand projects (addressed more in cost-effectiveness presentation).