



December 7, 2010

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Debra A. Howland, Executive Director and Secretary
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301-2425




Re: DE 10-292 Affidavit of Publication

Dear Director Howland:

Pursuant to the Order of Notice issued by the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission on November 17, 2010, in the above-referenced docket, enclosed please find an Affidavit of Publication on behalf of Unitil Energy Systems, Inc.

Sincerely,


Gary Epler
Attorney for UES

Enclosure

cc: Suzanne Amidon, Staff Counsel
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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
BEFORE THE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

UNITIL ENERGY SYSTEMS, INC., Request for Step
Adjustment for Distributed Energy Resources
Investment in Exeter SAU 16 Project

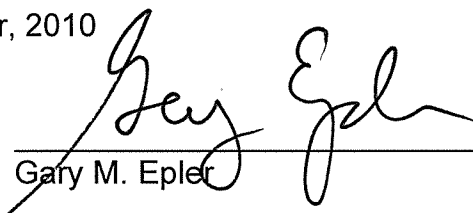
DE 10-292

AFFIDAVIT

Gary M. Epler, having been duly sworn, states under oath as follows:

I certify that publication of the Order of Notice in Docket DE 10-292,
issued on November 17, 2010, has been made as therein directed, and that it
was published in the New Hampshire Union Leader on Monday, November 22,
2010.

DATED this 7th day of December, 2010



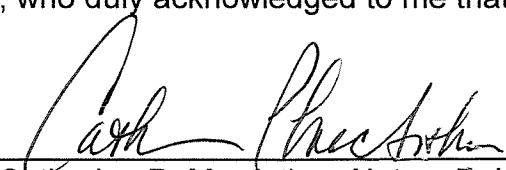
Gary M. Epler

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE)

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COUNTY OF ROCKINGHAM)

On this 2nd day of July, 2009, personally appeared before me Gary M.
Epler, the signer of the above instrument, who duly acknowledged to me that he
executed the same.



Catherine P. MacArthur, Notary Public
Residing in Strafford County
My Commission Expires: March 8, 2012

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I hereby certify that the legal notice of PUBLIC UTILITIES-DE-10-292,
Number: ORDER #25170 was published in the New Hampshire Union Leader
and/or New Hampshire Sunday News, newspapers printed at Manchester, NH
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On :

11/22/2010

State of New Hampshire
Hillsborough County
Subscribed and sworn to before me this

24th day of November, 2010

Phyllis E. Gilbert

Notary Public



Legal Notice

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
DE 10-292

UNITIL ENERGY SYSTEMS, INC.
Request for Step Adjustment for
Distributed Energy Resources
Investment

in Exeter SAU 16 Project
Order Suspending Tariff Pages and
Scheduling a Hearing
ORDER NO. 25,170
November 17, 2010

On November 1, 2010, Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. (UES or Company) filed tariff pages proposed for effect on service rendered on and after January 1, 2011 to recover its Distributed Energy Resources (DER) investment in the Exeter SAU 16 solar photovoltaic and micro-turbine project. The filing was made pursuant to Order No. 25,111 (June 11, 2010) in Docket No. DE 09-137. In that proceeding, the Commission approved a two-step process whereby UES would first seek approval of DER investments as in the public interest pursuant to RSA 374-G, and then seek cost recovery of such investments. In Order No. 25,111, the Commission found UES' investment in the Exeter SAU 16 project to be in the public interest and authorized UES to petition on an annual basis for a step adjustment to its base distribution rates to collect the actual costs associated with approved DER investments. With the instant filing, UES proposes to implement a step adjustment to recover the costs of the Exeter SAU 16 project.

In support of the proposed tariff changes, the filing included schedules showing the calculation of the step adjustment for distribution rates, derivation of the revenue requirement, and bill impacts associated with the rate change. According to UES, the bill impacts associated with the rate change for a residential customer using 600 kilowatt hours (kWh) per month will be an increase of \$0.04 per month or 0.05% of the total bill. UES said other rate classes will experience similar percentage increases.

This filing raises, inter alia, whether the costs in the proposed rate are prudently incurred and are calculated in a manner consistent with RSA 374-G:5, III and Order No. 25,111; and whether the resulting rates are reasonable and necessary pursuant to RSA 378:5, 7 and 8. The petition and subsequent docket filings, other than information for which confidential treatment is requested or granted by the Commission, will be posted to the Commission's website at www.puc.nh.gov/regulatory/docketbk.htm

Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED, pursuant to RSA 378:6, I(b), the Commission hereby suspends UES' proposed tariff to allow the filing to be investigated; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that a Hearing be held before the Commission located at 21 S. Fruit St., Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire on January 5, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to N.H. Admin. Rules Puc 203.12, Unitil shall notify all persons desiring to be heard at this hearing by publishing a copy of this Order of Notice no later than November 24, 2010, 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 January 5, 2011; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to N.H. Admin. Rules Puc 203.17, any party seeking to intervene in the proceeding shall submit to the Commission seven copies of a Petition to Intervene with copies sent to Unitil and the Office of the Consumer Advocate on or before December 8, 2010, such Petition stating the facts demonstrating how its rights, duties, privileges, immunities or other substantial interest may be affected by the proceeding, as required by N.H. Admin. Rule Puc 203.17 and RSA 541-A:32.I(b); and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that any party objecting to a Petition to Intervene make said Objection on or before January 5, 2011.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this seventeenth day of November, 2010.

Thomas B. Getz
Chairman

Clifton C. Below
Commissioner

Amy L. Ignatius
Commissioner

Attested by:
Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

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(UL - Nov. 22)