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RE: Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. Annual Stranded Cost Recovery and External Delivery Charge Reconciliation and Rate Filing <u>Docket No. DE 13-172</u>

Dear Director Howland:

At the close of the evidentiary hearing of this matter on Thursday, July 11, 2013, the Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") requested that Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. ("Unitil" or "the Company") provide responses to two questions concerning its filing.

First, the Commission requested that the Company provide it with a reference to a prior proceeding authorizing the inclusion of legal costs as a separate line item in the calculation of the External Delivery Charge. The reference is to Order No. 24,072, issued on October 25, 2002 in docket DE 01-247, where the Commission stated, at page 28, that the EDC may include:

[L]egal and consulting outside services charges incurred in the future acquisition of transition service and default service supplies and related to UES' transmission and energy obligations and responsibilities, including legal and regulatory activities associated with the independent system operator, New England Power Pool, regional transmission organization and FERC.

Second, the Commission requested that the Company provide it with a copy of its request for a waiver of the provisions of RSA 378:38. The Company has researched its records and at this time is unable to locate a waiver request. The Company will address this issue in a separate filing.

If you should have any questions or comments concerning this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me directly. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

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Sincerely,

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