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TO: Commissioners

FROM: David K. Wiesner, Hearings Examiner

RE: DE 15-147, Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. 2013 and 2014 Displaced

Distribution Revenue due to Net Metering Generation

HEARINGS EXAMINER'S REPORT

At your request, I served as the presiding officer over the prehearing conference (PHC) held in the above-referenced matter on June 23, 2015.

On May 14, 2015, Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. (UES) filed a proposal to recover displaced revenue due to net metering generation through its External Delivery Charge (EDC) rate, to be included in its next EDC filing for rates effective with service rendered on and after August 1, 2015. The UES filing was made pursuant to New Hampshire Code Admin. Rules Puc 903.02(o), which sets forth the process whereby an electric distribution utility may petition the Commission for reconciliation of the net effects of net metering on its distribution and default service revenues. On June 4, 2015, an Order of Notice scheduling a PHC for June 23, 2015 was issued by the Commission. The Order of Notice was published in the Union Leader on June 8, 2015, and UES filed an affidavit of such publication on June 17, 2015.

Appearances

Gary Epler, Esq. for UES Wayne Jortner, Esq. for Office of the Consumer Advocate (OCA) Suzanne Amidon, Esq. for Commission Staff

Intervention Requests

OCA participating pursuant to RSA 363:28, letter of participation filed on May 18, 2015. No other petitions to intervene were filed, and no requests for intervention were made during the PHC.

PHC Initial Positions of the Parties

UES reiterated the arguments supporting its filing and indicated that it would seek to include the displaced revenue amounts in its EDC rates for service rendered on and after August 1, 2015.

The OCA stated that it had not formed an initial position, but reserved the right to oppose the UES proposal. The OCA emphasized the need to carefully review the methodology and rationale for the

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displaced revenue recovery proposed by UES. The OCA noted the precedential effect of the UES filing and the potential need to interpret the applicable rule.

Staff stated that the applicable rule requires a case-by-case analysis of each utility's displaced revenue recovery proposal. Staff indicated it had commenced discovery and would review data requests and procedural schedules during the technical session to follow the PHC. Staff committed to filing a report summarizing the results of the technical session.

David K. Wiesner, Hearings Examiner

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