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Ms. Debra Howland, Executive Director and Secretary New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission 21 S. Fruit St. Suite 10 Concord, N.H. 03301-2429

Low Income Electric Assistance Program Re: **Monthly Reporting Requirements** Unitil Energy Systems, Inc.

Dear Ms. Howland:

Filing program.

Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. ("Unitil") hereby files with the Commission one copy (1) of its monthly EAP report for the month of December 2008. In addition, Unitil is filing this report electronically in accordance with the Commission's Electronic Report

The monthly report contains four attachments:

Attachment A – Provides the invoice for the monthly reporting period showing the accounting of the low-income portion of the System Benefits Charge ("SBC");

Attachment B – Provides the number of active participants enrolled in the program¹;

Attachment C – Provides the number of customers coming onto the program with eligible arrearages; and

Attachment D – Provides the residential aging report and the program participant aging report.

As indicated on the invoice in Attachment A, Unitil has a balance owed to the State of NH in the amount of \$25,368.45.

Unitil continues to recover its program administrative costs on an ongoing basis.

The reporting requirements with the Program Administrator, the Community Action Agency ("CAA"), are being fulfilled by electronic communication.

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¹ On September 1, 2006, the Commission issued Order No. 24,664 approving a Stipulation regarding the 2006 LI-EAP Program Changes. This included a redesign of the program tier discounts from 8 tiers - 4 for non-electric heat and 4 for electric heat - to 6 tiers based on need but with no different tiers for non-electric and electric heat. Accordingly, Attachment B has been revised to show the new discount tier counts.

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Unitil would be pleased to provide additional information concerning this matter at the Commission's request. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosures: Unitil EAP Monthly Report – December 2008

cc: Meredith Hatfield, Consumer Advocate