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Debra A. Howland, Executive Director and Secretary  
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission  
21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10  
Concord, NH 03301-2429

**RE: Docket No. DE 13-065**

Dear Director Howland:

During the course of yesterday's hearing in the above-referenced docket, Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. ("Unitil" or "Company") presented its request to undertake a Storm Resiliency Program for a one-time increase to base rates of \$888,000. In effect, this request would transform the Storm Hardening Pilot Program, which was approved in Docket DE 12-055 for one year at a program cost of \$535,000, into an annual program with a ten year cycle, at a total annual program cost of \$1,423,000.

In light of the discussion of this request during the hearing, and the views expressed by Commission Staff and the Office of Consumer Advocate, the Company would like to modify its request as follows:

Unitil requests Commission approval to modify its Storm Hardening Pilot to allow it to continue for an additional one year period at a program cost of \$1,423,000. During the course of this second year of the Pilot, Unitil will actively consult with Staff and the OCA to review the scope of the program, and to consider methods to evaluate its success and benefits. Based upon these consultations, Unitil will include an evaluation of the Pilot in its VMP Report to the Commission, to be filed no later than February 28, 2014, which will include a recommendation on whether to continue or modify the Pilot, or make it a permanent program.

Sincerely,

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