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Debra A. Howland **Executive Director** New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission 21 South Fruit Street Suite 10 Concord, New Hampshire 03301

> Re: Docket No. DE 13-195 Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. 2013 Least Cost Integrated Resource Plan Report of Technical Session

Dear Ms. Howland:

On August 7, 2013, the Commission issued an order of notice in the above-captioned docket scheduling a prehearing conference for September 20, 2013. The Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA) filed a letter on July 18, 2013 indicating its participation in this docket on behalf of residential ratepayers. No parties moved to intervene in the proceeding and no parties other than the Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. (UES), OCA and Staff appeared at the prehearing conference which was held as scheduled.

Following the prehearing conference, UES, the OCA and Staff met in technical session to discuss a proposed procedural schedule for this docket. The parties agreed on the following:

Data Requests Set 1 October 11, 2013 Responses to Set 1 October 25, 2013 Data Requests Set 2 November 8, 2013 Responses to Set 2 November 22, 2013 Technical Session December 5, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. Staff/OCA Testimony February 14, 2014 Data Requests/Testimony February 21, 2014 Reponses to Data Requests March 7, 2014 Settlement Discussions March 14, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. Merits Hearing March 27, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.

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At the time of the technical session, UES did not anticipate the need to file rebuttal testimony but the procedural schedule was developed to give the Company an opportunity to file rebuttal testimony in the event it finds it necessary. Staff will inform the Commission if the procedural schedule needs to be amended.

Staff respectfully requests that the Commission approve the above proposed procedural schedule. I certify that a copy of this letter will be served electronically on the parties when the letter is filed with the Commission.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Amidon Staff Attorney

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