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BY OVERNIGHT MAIL AND E-MAIL

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

**RE: Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. Request for Change in Rates
Docket No. 16-384**

Dear Director Howland:

On behalf of Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. ("Unitil Energy" or "the Company"), please accept this letter as a request for a waiver, pursuant to Puc 205.05(a), of the 30 day calendar distribution requirement of Puc 1203.02(d).

Puc 1203.02(c) provides, in relevant part, that:

[A]ll utilities that file an application with the commission for a general rate change shall send to each of its customers a clear and concise statement of the rate schedules applied for and indicate which schedules are applicable to that customer.

Puc 1203.02(d) provides that:

The information required to be distributed to customers under (c) above shall be distributed no later than 30 calendar days from the date of filing.

The Company filed its petition requesting a change in rates on April 29, 2016. Thirty calendar days from the filing date is Sunday, May 29, 2016. By that date, the Company's billing department currently estimates that, through its billing cycles, it will have sent out the required statement to approximately 95 percent of its customers, and further anticipates that it will complete the distribution to all customers by close of business on June 2, 2016. As a result, the Company requires an additional four (4) days beyond the 30 day allowance to comply with Puc 1203.02(d).

The Company submits that granting the waiver request is in the public interest and will not disrupt the orderly and efficient resolution of this matter, as there are

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several measures that either will be or are currently being taken to ensure that customers are provided adequate and timely notice of Unitil Energy's petition. In addition to mailing the customer statement with current bills, the Company will post a copy of the customer statement on its website, <http://unitil.com/>. The Company also anticipates that, once issued, the Commission will require that a copy of its Order Suspending Tariffs and Order of Notice be published in a newspaper with general circulation in those portions of the state in which the Company's operations are conducted.

Accordingly, the Company respectfully requests that the Commission grant it a waiver from Puc 1203.02(d) and allow it an additional four days to distribute its required statement of rate schedules.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary Epler", is positioned above a vertical line.

Gary Epler
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cc: Donald Kreis, Consumer Advocate
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