#### DE 17-038– Unitil Energy Systems, Inc.

### **Default Service RFP Bid Evaluation Report**

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#### Introduction

On Tuesday, August 29, 2017, UES announced that its Request for Proposals ("RFP") for Default Service ("DS") supplies for the period beginning December 1, 2017 was available. In accordance with UES's DS supply proposal as approved by the Commission in Order No. 25,397 ("the Order"), UES issued this RFP to obtain fixed monthly price offers to supply one-hundred percent (100%) of the small and medium customer groups for the six-month period beginning December 1, 2017. In addition, UES also sought variable monthly prices to supply one-hundred percent (100%) of the G1, or large customer default service group, for a six-month period beginning December 1, 2017. The RFP sought monthly adders (which would be fixed for the month, but could vary by month) that would be added to the real-time locational marginal price to determine the wholesale cost.

The RFP document issued on August 29, 2017, was consistent in form and substance to the prior RFP issued by UES on March 1, 2017. On September 26, 2017, UES filed with the Commission a redlined version of the current RFP, marked to show changes from the RFP issued on March 1, 2017. A copy of the RFP documents issued to the market on August 29, 2017, including the Proposal Submission Form, the proposed Power Supply Agreement ("PSA"), the proposed PSA Amendment, and Non-Disclosure Agreement are attached to the petition as Schedule LSG-2.

UES received a positive response to this RFP, receiving bids from qualified suppliers who competed to serve the load requirements. The winner of the six-month small customer (Non-G1) default service requirement was Vitol, Inc. ("Vitol") and the winner of the six-month medium customer (Non-G1) default service requirement was Exelon Generation Company, LLC ("Exelon"). UES awarded the six-month large customer (G1) default service requirement to Exelon Generation Company, LLC ("Exelon"). These suppliers offered the best overall value for the service requirements. The default service power supply prices obtained by UES are the result of a competitive solicitation and are reflective of current market conditions. This Bid Evaluation Report ("Report") describes UES's solicitation process and its selection of the winning bidders.

UES's comparison of bids, which is confidential and for which UES seeks protective treatment as described in the cover letter and motion for protective treatment accompanying this filing, is included in Tab A to this Report. Details of the market response, including bid prices, and certain non-price considerations and selection rationale, are also included in the Tab A materials.

#### Solicitation Process

UES issued its request for proposals on Tuesday, August 29, 2017 to 41 suppliers as well as other distribution companies, consultants, brokers, and members of public agencies. The RFP was also distributed to all members of the NEPOOL Markets Committee and the Participants Committee. In addition, UES issued a media advisory to a number of power markets publications announcing the issuance of the RFP. As a result, the RFP had wide distribution throughout the New England supply marketplace.

The RFP documents and accompanying data files were provided to interested parties via email and upon request (the Company's RFP website was not operational at the time of the RFP release). The RFP described the specifics of UES's DS, the related customer-switching rules, the form of power service sought, and the evaluation criteria. The RFP documents included a Proposal Submission Form, a proposed Power Supply Agreement ("PSA"), proposed PSA Amendment for use by suppliers who are currently serving load or have previously served load, a Non-Disclosure Agreement, and various data files.

To gain the greatest level of market interest in supplying the loads, UES provided potential bidders with appropriate information, including along with the RFP, UES provided historical hourly loads and daily capacity tag values for UES's DS customers for the period from January 1, 2009 through July 31, 2017. UES also provided an Excel spreadsheet containing historic retail monthly sales and customers reports from May 2003 through June 30, 2017. The monthly reports detail by customer rate class the

monthly retail billed kWh sales and the number of customers receiving DS and competitive generation supply. Also provided to potential suppliers was class average load shape (8760 hours) data and distribution loss factors associated with each rate class. Lastly, UES provided Bid Sheets with estimated monthly volumes expected to be purchased under default service for the term during which service was sought. As described in the RFP, UES used these estimated monthly loads to evaluate and weigh competing bids in terms of price. In the RFP, UES refers to these estimated loads as the "evaluation loads." The RFP makes clear that the supplier's obligation is for actual loads and is not in any way limited by the RFP's use of the evaluation loads.

Throughout the solicitation, UES contacted potential bidders, responded to bidder questions, researched bidder qualifications and actively participated in maintaining bidder interest through regular telephone and electronic communications. UES did not discriminate in favor of or against any individual potential supplier who expressed interest in the solicitation, but endeavored to assist each interested bidder in their understanding of the transaction sought via the solicitation.

On September 14, 2017, UES received proposals from respondents that included detailed background information on the bidding entity, proposed changes to the contract terms and indicative pricing. UES reviewed the proposals and worked with the bidders to establish and evaluate their creditworthiness, their extension of adequate credit to UES to facilitate the transaction, their capability of performing the terms of the PSA in a reliable manner and their willingness to enter into contractual terms acceptable to UES. UES negotiated with all potential suppliers who submitted proposals to obtain the most favorable contract terms. All bidders were invited to submit final bids.

On September 26, 2017, UES received final pricing from bidders and conducted its evaluation. UES selected and notified Vitol that they were the winner of the small default service requirements; and Exelon was notified that they were the winner of the medium default service requirements as well as the large default service requirement. All other bidders were notified that they were not selected.

#### Selection of Winning Bidders

UES based its selection of the winning bidders on both quantitative and qualitative criteria. Indicative bids were compiled and ranked based upon weighted average prices using the evaluation loads that were issued to bidders and assessed for any outliers. UES coordinated with bidders to obtain the best non-price terms each bidder was willing to offer and to establish confidence in each bidder's ability to perform. Final bids were again ranked based on the weighted average prices using the evaluation loads. In addition to the bid price and ability to meet credit requirements, UES also performed a qualitative review of each bidder's ability to provide default service during the service period, including the following:

- The bidder's past experience in providing similar services to UES;
- The bidder's past experience in providing similar services to other companies in New England and other regions;
- The bidder's demonstrated understanding of the market rules related to the provision of Default Service;
- The bidder's demonstrated understanding of its obligations under the proposed Power Service Agreement;
- Whether there have been any past or are there any present events that are known that may adversely affect the bidder's ability to provide Default Service.

UES has significant prior direct experience and working relationships with most of the suppliers who participated in the RFP. For newer suppliers, UES seeks input from references in order to verify the capabilities of the supplier, as well as performing an internal review of the new suppliers' financials for creditworthiness. The comparison of bids, which is confidential and which includes materials documenting UES's rationale for its selection of the winning bidders, is contained in Tab A.

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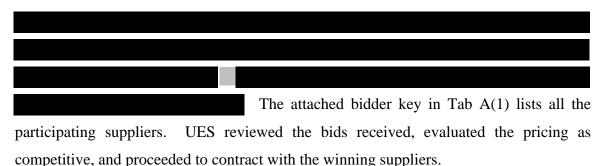
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#### **Discussion of Results**

On Tuesday, September 26, 2017 UES selected Vitol, Inc. ("Vitol") as the winning bidder of the six-month small customer (Non-G1) supply requirement (a 100% share), Exelon Generation Company, LLC ("Exelon") as the winning bidder of the six-month medium customer (Non-G1) supply requirement (a 100% share) and Exelon Generation Company, LLC ("Exelon") as the winning bidder of the six-month large customer (G1) supply requirement (a 100% share). The supply requirements are for the provision of default service power supplies beginning December 1, 2017. As shown in the attached pages, the winning bidders represent the results of an open, competitive solicitation process.

#### **Bidding Activity**



#### Selection of Winners

The pricing comparison summaries shown in Tab A(2) list the bids received and ranks the bids according to price. The summaries also indicate the payment terms negotiated with each bidder and the interest costs associated with the payment terms calling for payment earlier than the end of the month after service is delivered. The total costs, and the deltas from the low price bidder's costs, listed in these sections include the interest costs associated accelerated payment terms.

#### **Contract Provisions**

To implement the transactions, UES executed a new PSA with Vitol and an Amendment to the existing PSA with Exelon Generation Company, LLC. Redlined versions of the PSA and Amendment to the PSA issued with the RFP are attached as Tab A(8). The Amendment does not add any new terms; rather it adds the new transactions to the existing PSA. The PSA and Amendment are subject to termination if UES is unable to obtain Commission approval of the Petition by October 13, 2017. UES respectfully submits that a Commission decision by October 13, 2017, in accordance with the schedule established in Order No. 24,511, is important to the ongoing vitality of the solicitation process.

The materials listed in the Table of Contents as Tab A(1) through Tab A(8) follow. UES welcomes feedback from the Commission on the value of the following materials in facilitating its review of the solicitation results.

### Tab A(1).Bidder Key

The first item attached to this Comparison of Bids identifies the bidding entities who responded to UES's RFP for default service supplies. The materials that follow generally refer to the respondents as Bidder A, Bidder B, and so on.

UES Default Service RFP Issued August 29, 2017 For Loads to be Served beginning December 1, 2017 Indexed Bidder List with Selected Winners

Index	Bidding Entity

Winner	Customer Group and Supply Period
Bidder C	Small Customers, 6 Months Starting Dec 1, 2017
Bidder B	Medium Customers, 6 Months Starting Dec 1, 2017
Bidder B	Large Customers, 6 Months Starting Dec 1, 2017

## Tab A(2). Pricing Summaries

The second item attached to this Comparison of Bids shows summaries of the final bids received, including the total costs calculated on the basis of the evaluation loads and a ranking of the bids in terms of evaluated prices. The summaries list the cost delta and percentage of price delta of each bid compared to the lowest price bid. The summaries indicate the payment terms agreed to with each bidder and include the cost of differing payment terms among the bidders.



Pricing exhibits:

- G1 Bids, 6 Month Period
- Non-G1 Bids, 6 Month Period
- G1 Summary Pricing
- Non-G1 Summary Pricing

UES Default Service RFP Issued August 29, 2017 For Loads to be Served beginning December 1, 2017 Pricing Comparison

		I				
	Month of Service	Eval Loads (MWh)				
	Dec-17	38,942				
	Jan-18	44,078				
	Feb-18	40,997				
	Mar-18	37,504				
	Apr-18	34,442				
	May-18	29,806				
ſ	PERIOD	225,770				
	POWER CO	OST (\$000)				
	PAYMENT	TERMS				
	INT. COST	(\$000)				
	TOTAL COST (\$000)					
	COST DELTA (\$000)					
	PRICE RANKING					
I	PERCENT I	DELTA				

#### Bids for Small Customers (Asset 11451) - FINAL Default Service Requirements for 6 Months (\$/MWH)

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Dec-17 14,336   Jan-18 15,565   Feb-18 14,892   Mar-18 14,376   Apr-18 14,408
Feb-18 14,892   Mar-18 14,376
Mar-18 14,376
Apr 19 14 409
Api-18 14,408
May-18 13,677
PERIOD 87,255
POWER COST (\$000)
PAYMENT TERMS
INT. COST (\$000)
TOTAL COST (\$000)
COST DELTA (\$000)
PRICE RANKING
PERCENT DELTA

#### Bids for Medium Customers (Asset 11452) - FINAL Default Service Requirements for 6 Months (\$/MWH)

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Month of Service	Evaluation Loads (MWh)	
Dec-17	2,703	
Jan-18	2,762	
Feb-18	2,717	
Mar-18	2,683	
Apr-18	2,689	
May-18	2,724	
PERIOD	16,277	
POWER CC	OST (\$000)	
PAYMENT	TERMS	
INT. COST	(\$000)	
TOTAL CO	ST (\$000)	
COST DELTA (\$000)		
PRICE RANKING		
PERCENT I	DELTA	

Bids for Large Customers (Asset 10019)- FINAL 100% DS Requirements for 6 Months (\$/MWH) - Variable Price Adder

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	G1 G1 Pricing Supplier (\$/MWH)		G1 Purchases (MWH)	Wtd Avg Price	Change Prior Period	Change Prior Year	
Nov-13	Nextera	\$ 60.87	4,906				
Dec-13	Nextera	\$ 117.97	6,179	\$116.09	130.7%	56.3%	
Jan-14	Nextera	\$ 174.39	4,448				
Feb-14	Nextera	\$ 177.52	4,691				
Mar-14	Nextera	\$ 136.21	4,166	\$123.36	6.3%	50.0%	
Apr-14	Nextera	\$ 56.16	4,578				
May-14	Nextera	\$ 49.37	4,814	<b>• •</b> • • • •		10.00/	
Jun-14	Nextera	\$ 56.14	4,831	\$ 52.32	-57.6%	-12.3%	
Jul-14	Nextera	\$ 51.50	5,135				
Aug-14	Nextera	\$ 47.85 \$ 54.77	4,609	\$ 50.73	2.00/	0.00/	
Sep-14 Oct-14	Nextera Nextera	\$ 54.77 \$ 49.00	5,263 4,583	φ 50.75	-3.0%	0.8%	
Nov-14	Nextera	\$ 49.00 \$ 63.56	4,383				
Dec-14	Nextera	\$ 68.08	4,828	\$ 73.07	44.0%	-37.1%	
Jan-15	Nextera	\$ 88.80	4,219	φ /0.0/	44.070	07.170	
Feb-15	Nextera	\$ 144.19	3,636				
Mar-15	Nextera	\$ 75.60	3,462	\$ 90.52	23.9%	-26.6%	
Apr-15	Nextera	\$ 43.97	3,083	• ••••			
May-15	Nextera	\$ 44.34	3,607				
Jun-15	Nextera	\$ 37.41	3,681	\$ 44.99	-50.3%	-14.0%	
Jul-15	Nextera	\$ 52.28	4,147				
Aug-15	Nextera	\$ 63.26	4,204				
Sep-15	Nextera	\$ 56.86	4,075	\$ 57.54	27.9%	13.4%	
Oct-15	Nextera	\$ 51.47	3,503				
Nov-15	CECG	\$ 46.76	3,142				
Dec-15	CECG	\$ 38.28	3,144	\$ 45.99	-20.1%	-37.1%	
Jan-16	CECG	\$ 52.37	3,426				
Feb-16	CECG	\$ 45.62	3,471				
Mar-16	CECG	\$ 33.21	3,622	\$ 40.88	-11.1%	-54.8%	
Apr-16	CECG	\$ 44.23	3,392				
May-16	CECG	\$ 36.55 \$ 25.05	3,514	¢ 00.00	-4.6%	40.00/	
Jun-16 Jul-16	CECG CECG	\$ 35.25 \$ 44.49	3,722	\$ 38.99 -4.6%	-13.3%		
	CECG	\$ 55.60	4,081				
Aug-16 Sep-16	CECG	\$ 55.60 \$ 42.64	4,148 3,961	\$ 45.55	16.8%	-20.8%	
Oct-16	CECG	\$ 42.04 \$ 37.32	3,667	φ 45.55	10.070	-20.076	
Nov-16	CECG	\$ 38.45	3,515				
Dec-16	EXELON	\$ 70.12	2,751	\$ 52.17	14.5%	13.4%	
Jan-17	EXELON	\$ 51.77	2,836	Ф <u>о</u>			
Feb-17	EXELON	\$ 44.56	3,007				
Mar-17	EXELON	\$ 48.13	2,873	\$ 46.24	-11.4%	13.1%	
Apr-17	EXELON	\$ 46.11	2,894				
May-17	EXELON		2,816				
Jun-17	Nextera		3,239				
Jul-17	Nextera		3,208				
Aug-17	Nextera		3,378				
Sep-17	Nextera	N/A	3,359	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Oct-17	Nextera	N/A	2,894				
Nov-17	Nextera	N/A	2,775				
Dec-17	EXELON	N/A	2,703	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Jan-18	EXELON	N/A	2,762				
Feb-18	EXELON	N/A	2,717	<b>F1/A</b>	<b>F1/A</b>	N1/A	
Mar-18	EXELON	N/A	2,683	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Apr-18	EXELON	N/A	2,689	N1/A	N1/A	N1/A	
May-18	EXELON	N/A	2,724	N/A	N/A	N/A	

G1 Legal Estimates for this RFP:

\$0

#### UES Default Service RFP Issued August 29, 2017 For Loads to be Served beginning December 1, 2017 Historical Pricing Comparison, Non-G1 Customers

	Block A	Block B	Block C	Block D	Block A	Block B	Block C	Block D	Non-G1 Pricing (\$/MWH)	Non-G1 Purchases (MWH)	Wtd Avg Price	Change Prior Period	Change Prior Year
Dec-13	TCPM	(Small)	NEXTERA	(Medium)	\$ 88.10	(Small)	\$ 86.50	(Medium)	\$ 87.30	66,566			
Jan-14	TCPM	(Small)	NEXTERA	(Medium)	\$110.80	(Small)	\$110.01	(Medium)	\$ 110.41	68,789			
Feb-14	TCPM	(Small)	NEXTERA	(Medium)	\$110.90	(Small)	\$104.93	(Medium)	\$ 107.92	62,321	¢ 00.40	24.00/	24.20/
Mar-14	TCPM	(Small)	NEXTERA	(Medium)	\$ 68.40	(Small)	\$ 65.37	(Medium)	\$ 66.89	59,425	\$ 83.16	34.9%	31.3%
Apr-14	TCPM	(Small)	NEXTERA	(Medium)	\$ 57.85	(Small)	\$ 55.37	(Medium)	\$ 56.61	53,008			
May-14	TCPM	(Small)	NEXTERA	(Medium)	\$ 54.20	(Small)	\$ 51.05	(Medium)	\$ 52.63	48,440			
Jun-14	TCPM	(Small)	DOMI	(Medium)	\$ 83.60	(Small)	\$ 81.12	(Medium)	\$ 82.36	63,793			
Jul-14	TCPM	(Small)	DOMI	(Medium)	\$ 76.55	(Small)	\$ 77.60	(Medium)	\$ 77.08	72,584			
Aug-14	TCPM	(Small)	DOMI	(Medium)	\$ 78.50	(Small)	\$ 70.59	(Medium)	\$ 74.55	73,184	\$ 69.60	-16.3%	12.9%
Sep-14	TCPM	(Small)	DOMI	(Medium)	\$ 64.80	(Small)	\$ 59.89	(Medium)	\$ 62.35	64,178	\$ 09.00	-10.376	12.970
Oct-14	TCPM	(Small)	DOMI	(Medium)	\$ 63.95	(Small)	\$ 58.93	(Medium)	\$ 61.44	52,649			
Nov-14	TCPM	(Small)	DOMI	(Medium)	\$ 89.95	(Small)	\$ 84.21	(Medium)	\$ 87.08	55,553			
Dec-14	DTE	(Small)	TCPM	(Medium)	\$162.43	(Small)	\$163.85	(Medium)	\$ 163.14	67,622			
Jan-15	DTE	(Small)	TCPM	(Medium)	\$202.27	(Small)	\$205.50	(Medium)	\$ 203.89	71,475			
Feb-15	DTE	(Small)	TCPM	(Medium)	\$189.00	(Small)	\$193.20	(Medium)	\$ 191.10	59,938	\$ 144.13	107.1%	73.3%
Mar-15	DTE	(Small)	TCPM	(Medium)	\$120.93	(Small)	\$121.15	(Medium)	\$ 121.04	60,740	φ 144.10	107.170	10.070
Apr-15	DTE	(Small)	TCPM	(Medium)	\$ 71.78	(Small)	\$ 73.90	(Medium)	\$ 72.84	53,320			
May-15	DTE	(Small)	TCPM	(Medium)	\$ 57.79	(Small)	\$ 60.65	(Medium)	\$ 59.22	50,264			
Jun-15	TCPM	(Small)	DOMI	(Medium)	\$ 59.03	(Small)	\$ 58.12	(Medium)	\$ 58.58	59,356			
Jul-15	TCPM	(Small)	DOMI	(Medium)	\$ 65.40	(Small)	\$ 66.63	(Medium)	\$ 66.02	71,821			
Aug-15	TCPM	(Small)	DOMI	(Medium)	\$ 58.47	(Small)	\$ 59.39	(Medium)	\$ 58.93	72,601	\$ 62.02	-57.0%	-10.9%
Sep-15	TCPM	(Small)	DOMI	(Medium)	\$ 54.64	(Small)	\$ 56.51	(Medium)	\$ 55.58	57,842	φ 02.02	-57.078	-10.976
Oct-15	TCPM	(Small)	DOMI	(Medium)	\$ 55.93	(Small)	\$ 56.56	(Medium)	\$ 56.25	53,025			
Nov-15	TCPM	(Small)	DOMI	(Medium)	\$ 75.96	(Small)	\$ 77.67	(Medium)	\$ 76.82	55,415			
Dec-15	CECG	(Small)	NEXTERA	(Medium)	\$ 83.69	(Small)	\$ 83.78	(Medium)	\$ 83.74	57,319			
Jan-16	CECG	(Small)	NEXTERA	(Medium)	\$104.98	(Small)	\$103.95	(Medium)	\$ 104.47	60,002			
Feb-16	CECG	(Small)	NEXTERA	(Medium)	\$103.71	(Small)	\$102.18	(Medium)	\$ 102.95	57,549	\$ 82.32	32.7%	-42.9%
Mar-16	CECG	(Small)	NEXTERA	(Medium)	\$ 81.22	(Small)	\$ 79.90	(Medium)	\$ 80.56	53,362	φ 02.32	52.1 /0	-42.370
Apr-16	CECG	(Small)	NEXTERA	(Medium)	\$ 61.81	(Small)	\$ 60.32	(Medium)	\$ 61.07	48,852			
May-16	CECG	(Small)	NEXTERA	(Medium)	\$ 51.15	(Small)	\$ 49.81	(Medium)	\$ 50.48	45,952			
Jun-16	TCPM	(Small)	ENERGY AMERICA	(Medium)	\$ 47.68	(Small)	\$ 46.07	(Medium)	\$ 46.88	48,770			
Jul-16	TCPM	(Small)	ENERGY AMERICA	(Medium)	\$ 55.13	(Small)	\$ 53.86	(Medium)	\$ 54.50	59,560			
Aug-16	TCPM	(Small)	ENERGY AMERICA	(Medium)	\$ 50.39	(Small)	\$ 50.33	(Medium)	\$ 50.36	67,113	\$ 49.25	-40.2%	-20.6%
Sep-16	TCPM	(Small)	ENERGY AMERICA	(Medium)	\$ 45.61	(Small)	\$ 44.80	(Medium)	\$ 45.21	56,447	φ 10.20	10.270	20.070
Oct-16	TCPM	(Small)	ENERGY AMERICA	(Medium)	\$ 46.89	(Small)	\$ 44.80	(Medium)	\$ 45.85	46,737			
Nov-16	TCPM	(Small)	ENERGY AMERICA	(Medium)	\$ 51.92	(Small)	\$ 51.31	(Medium)	\$ 51.62	49,026			
Dec-16	NEXTERA	. ,	NEXTERA	(Medium)	\$ 61.58	(Small)	\$ 60.24	(Medium)	\$ 60.91	51,617			
Jan-17	NEXTERA	(Small)	NEXTERA	(Medium)	\$ 82.33	(Small)	\$ 80.81	(Medium)	\$ 81.57	57,891			
Feb-17	NEXTERA	. ,	NEXTERA	(Medium)	\$ 82.47	(Small)	\$ 80.38	(Medium)	\$ 81.43	54,915	\$ 63.35	28.6%	-23.1%
Mar-17	NEXTERA	. ,	NEXTERA	(Medium)	\$ 60.87	(Small)	\$ 58.50	(Medium)	\$ 59.69	50,961	¢ 00.00	201070	2011/0
Apr-17	NEXTERA	. ,	NEXTERA	(Medium)	\$ 46.89	(Small)	\$ 44.17	(Medium)	\$ 45.53	46,832			
May-17	NEXTERA	(Small)	NEXTERA	(Medium)	\$ 43.95	(Small)	\$ 41.19	(Medium)	\$ 42.57	43,370			
Jun-17	DEBM	(Small)	TCPM	(Medium)	\$ 67.42	(Small)	\$ 62.12	(Medium)	\$ 64.77	44,437			
Jul-17	DEBM	(Small)	TCPM	(Medium)	\$ 67.50	(Small)	-	(Medium)	\$ 67.61	57,777			
Aug-17	DEBM	(Small)	TCPM	(Medium)	\$ 69.35	(Small)	\$ 66.71	(Medium)	\$ 68.03	60,381	\$ 67.69	6.9%	37.4%
Sep-17	DEBM	(Small)	TCPM	(Medium)	\$ 69.87	(Small)		(Medium)	\$ 67.64	49,688	÷ 500	2.270	
Oct-17	DEBM	(Small)	TCPM	(Medium)	\$ 69.06	(Small)		(Medium)	\$ 66.71	45,808			
Nov-17	DEBM	(Small)	TCPM	(Medium)	\$ 72.27	(Small)	\$ 70.01	(Medium)	\$ 71.14	46,513			
Dec-17	VITOL	(Small)	EXELON	(Medium)		(Small)		(Medium)		53,279			
Jan-18	VITOL	(Small)	EXELON	(Medium)		(Small)		(Medium)		59,643			
Feb-18	VITOL	(Small)	EXELON	(Medium)		(Small)		(Medium)		55,889			
Mar-18	VITOL	(Small)	EXELON	(Medium)		(Small)		(Medium)		51,880			
Apr-18	VITOL	(Small)	EXELON	(Medium)		(Small)		(Medium)		48,851			
May-18	VITOL	(Small)	EXELON	(Medium)		(Small)		(Medium)		43,484			
Non-G1	Legal Estir	mates for t	his RFP:	\$0									

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#### Tab A(3).UES RECs Procurement Summary

The third item attached to this Comparison of Bids is a summary of REC purchases for the 2017 compliance year. This table details the Class of RECs purchased, the quantity purchased, the cost per REC, and the transaction date. The table also describes if the purchase was made through the REC RFP process or if the RECs were acquired independent of the REC RFP process. No RECs have been purchased to date for the 2018 compliance year.

UES Default Service RFP Issued August 29, 2017 For Loads to be Served beginning December 1, 2017 Summary of REC Purchases for 2017 RPS Compliance

Transaction Process		Vintage	Vintage Class I		Class 1 Thermal		Class II		Class III		Class IV	
Date	11000055	vintage	Volume	Price	Volume	Price	Volume	Price	Volume	Price	Volume	Price
Purchase Sun	nmary	2017										
Estimated Requ	irements	2017										
Percentage Pur	rchased <sup>1</sup>	2017										

#### Notes:

1. Percentage Purchased excludes banked and Class I and Class II Net Metering Credits.

#### Tab A(4). Comparisons to NYMEX Futures

The fourth item attached to this Comparison of Bids compares the winning final bids to both the NYMEX over-the-counter futures contracts for ISO New England averaged onand-off peak electric futures ("NYMEX ISO") and the NYMEX natural gas futures contracts at Henry Hub ("NYMEX NG"). The ratio of winning bid prices to the two NYMEX contracts was calculated for both the current default service procurement and for the prior procurement periods beginning June 1, 2017 and December 1, 2016.

Hypothetical prices were then calculated by applying the current NYMEX pricing to the ratio of winning bid prices to NYMEX prices observed in previous procurements. These are what the prices would have been if the final bid price to NYMEX ratio was the same as the prior period to which it is being compared. A comparison was then made between the current winning bid prices and the hypothetical prices. Results of the comparison show that the current ratio of final bid prices to NYMEX ISO is 30% higher than the ratio of final bid prices to NYMEX ISO during the same 6-month period a year ago, and is 15% lower than the ratio for the prior 6-month period of June 2017 to November 2017.

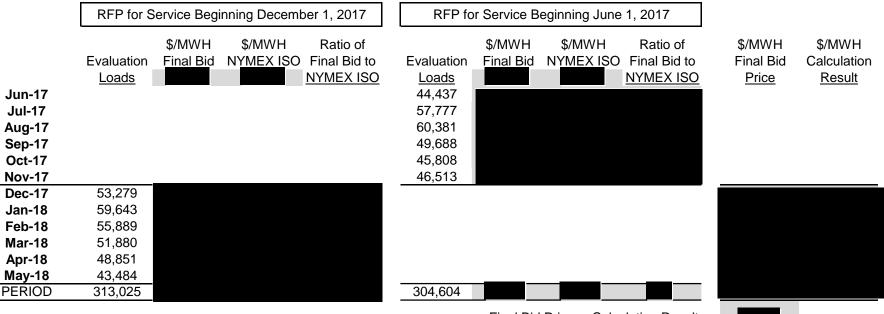
For natural gas, the comparison shows that current ratio of final bid prices to NYMEX NG is 41% higher than the ratio of final bid prices during the same 6-month period a year ago, and 35% higher than the ratio for the prior 6-month period of June 2017 to November 2017.

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UES 6-Month Non-G1 Customer Default Service Bids versus NYMEX OTC New England On-Peak Electric Futures (ISO)

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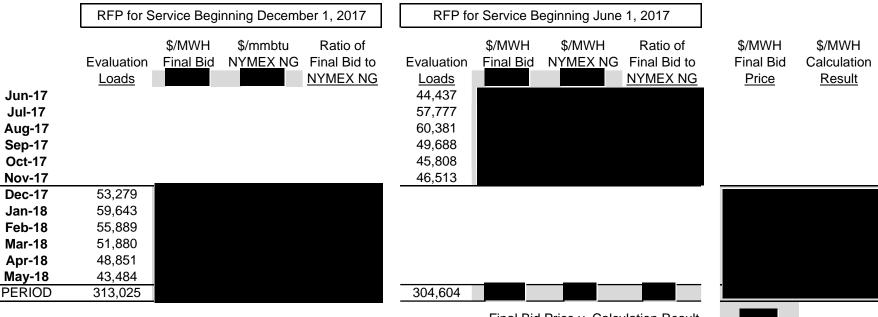


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Final Bid Price v. Calculation Result

#### Tab A(5). Financial Security Requirements

The fifth item attached to this Comparison of Bids contains a summary of each bidder's financial security requirements of UES and each bidder's own provision of financial security and creditworthiness. Items listed include the amount of Shareholder Equity (if any) to be used as a credit test for UES, payment terms and estimated interest costs associated with accelerated payments for each service bid, agreed upon corporate guaranty amounts, credit ratings for suppliers or their parent companies and other credit support as may be required.

Also attached are sheets that describe the credit rating definitions used by Standard & Poor's and by Moody's.

#### UES Default Service RFP Issued August 29, 2017 For Loads to be Served beginning December 1, 2017 Summary of Financial Security Requirements

Financial Security Requirements upon Unitil

Financial Security provided by Seller

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#### Standard & Poor's Ratings Definitions Long-Term Issue Credit Ratings

Issue credit ratings are based, in varying degrees, on S&P Global Ratings' analysis of the following considerations:

- The likelihood of payment--the capacity and willingness of the obligor to meet its financial commitments on an obligation in accordance with the terms of the obligation;
- The nature and provisions of the financial obligation, and the promise we impute; and
- The protection afforded by, and relative position of, the financial obligation in the event of a bankruptcy, reorganization, or other arrangement under the laws of bankruptcy and other laws affecting creditors' rights.

Issue ratings are an assessment of default risk but may incorporate an assessment of relative seniority or ultimate recovery in the event of default. Junior obligations are typically rated lower than senior obligations, to reflect the lower priority in bankruptcy, as noted above. (Such differentiation may apply when an entity has both senior and subordinated obligations, secured and unsecured obligations, or operating company and holding company obligations.)

	Long-Term Issue Credit Ratings*
Category	Definition
AAA	An obligation rated 'AAA' has the highest rating assigned by S&P Global Ratings. The obligor's capacity to meet its financial commitments on the obligation is extremely strong.
AA	An obligation rated 'AA' differs from the highest-rated obligations only to a small degree. The obligor's capacity to meet its financial commitments on the obligation is very strong.
A	An obligation rated 'A' is somewhat more susceptible to the adverse effects of changes in circumstances and economic conditions than obligations in higher- rated categories. However, the obligor's capacity to meet its financial commitments on the obligation is still strong.
BBB	An obligation rated 'BBB' exhibits adequate protection parameters. However, adverse economic conditions or changing circumstances are more likely to weaken the obligor's capacity to meet its financial commitments on the obligation.
BB, B, CCC, CC, and C	Obligations rated 'BB', 'B', 'CCC', 'CC', and 'C' are regarded as having significant speculative characteristics. 'BB' indicates the least degree of speculation and 'C' the highest. While such obligations will likely have some quality and protective characteristics, these may be outweighed by large uncertainties or major exposure to adverse conditions.
BB	An obligation rated 'BB' is less vulnerable to nonpayment than other speculative issues. However, it faces major ongoing uncertainties or exposure to adverse business, financial, or economic conditions that could lead to the obligor's inadequate capacity to meet its financial commitments on the obligation.
В	An obligation rated 'B' is more vulnerable to nonpayment than obligations rated 'BB', but the obligor currently has the capacity to meet its financial commitments on the obligation. Adverse business, financial, or economic conditions will likely impair the obligor's capacity or willingness to meet its financial commitments on the obligation.

CCC	An obligation rated 'CCC' is currently vulnerable to nonpayment and is dependent upon favorable business, financial, and economic conditions for the obligor to meet its financial commitments on the obligation. In the event of adverse business, financial, or economic conditions, the obligor is not likely to have the capacity to meet its financial commitments on the obligation.
CC	An obligation rated 'CC' is currently highly vulnerable to nonpayment. The 'CC' rating is used when a default has not yet occurred but S&P Global Ratings expects default to be a virtual certainty, regardless of the anticipated time to default.
С	An obligation rated 'C' is currently highly vulnerable to nonpayment, and the obligation is expected to have lower relative seniority or lower ultimate recovery compared with obligations that are rated higher.
D	An obligation rated 'D' is in default or in breach of an imputed promise. For non- hybrid capital instruments, the 'D' rating category is used when payments on an obligation are not made on the date due, unless S&P Global Ratings believes that such payments will be made within five business days in the absence of a stated grace period or within the earlier of the stated grace period or 30 calendar days. The 'D' rating also will be used upon the filing of a bankruptcy petition or the taking of similar action and where default on an obligation is a virtual certainty, for example due to automatic stay provisions. An obligation's rating is lowered to 'D' if it is subject to a distressed exchange offer.
NR	This indicates that no rating has been requested, or that there is insufficient information on which to base a rating, or that S&P Global Ratings does not rate a particular obligation as a matter of policy.
-	rom 'AA' to 'CCC' may be modified by the addition of a plus (+) or minus (-) sign to standing within the major rating categories.

Source: Use the following link. Select "Ratings Definitions" under the **Regulatory** category. Ratings were updated June 26, 2017.

http://www.standardandpoors.com/en\_US/web/guest/home?pagename=sp/Page/FixedIncomeR atingsCriteriaPg&r=1&l=EN&b=2

#### Moody's Long-Term Rating Definitions Long-Term Obligation Ratings

Moody's long-term obligation ratings are opinions of the relative credit risk of fixed-income obligations with an original maturity of one year or more. They address the possibility that a financial obligation will not be honored as promised. Such ratings reflect both the likelihood of default and any financial loss suffered in the event of default.

Aaa	Obligations rated Aaa are judged to be of the highest quality, with minimal credit risk.
Aa	Obligations rated Aa are judged to be of high quality and are subject to very low credit risk.
Α	Obligations rated A are considered upper-medium grade and are subject to low credit risk.
Baa	Obligations rated Baa are subject to moderate credit risk. They are considered medium-grade and as such may possess certain speculative characteristics.
Ва	Obligations rated Ba are judged to have speculative elements and are subject to substantial credit risk.
В	Obligations rated B are considered speculative and are subject to high credit risk.
Caa	Obligations rated Caa are judged to be of poor standing and are subject to very high credit risk.
Са	Obligations rated Ca are highly speculative and are likely in, or very near, default, with some prospect of recovery of principal and interest.
С	Obligations rated C are the lowest rated class of bonds and are typically in default, with little prospect for recovery of principal or interest.

**Note:** Moody's appends numerical modifiers 1, 2, and 3 to each generic rating classification from Aa through Caa. The modifier 1 indicates that the obligation ranks in the higher end of its generic rating category; the modifier 2 indicates a mid-range ranking; and the modifier 3 indicates a ranking in the lower end of that generic rating category.

Source: After registering on Moody's website and agreeing to their Terms of Use, use the following link:

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#### Tab A(6).Proposal Submission Forms

The sixth item attached to this Comparison of Bids contains the non-price information provided by each bidder upon submission of the proposal submission form, which is identified as Attachment A to the RFP.

#### APPENDIX A: PROPOSAL SUBMISSION FORM

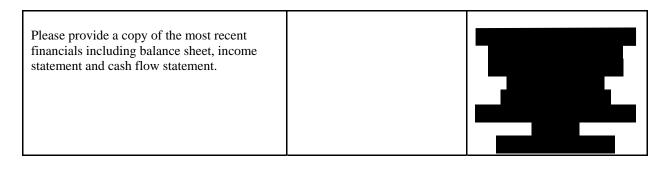
#### **1. General Information**

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Legal form of business organization of Respondent (e.g., sole proprietorship, partnership, limited partnership, joint venture, or corporation)	
State(s) of incorporation, residency or organization Indicate whether Respondent is in good standing in all states in which Respondent is authorized to do business and, if not, which states and the reason it is not.	

If Respondent is a partnership, the names of all general and limited partners.	
If Respondent is a limited liability company, the names of all direct owners.	
Description of Respondent and all affiliated entities and joint ventures transacting business in the energy sector.	

## **2. Financial Information**

Please provide the following for Respondent and/or Parent/Guarantor (as appropriate)	Respondent	Parent/Guarantor
Current debt ratings, including names of rating agencies and dates of ratings. If entity is not rated, please indicate.		
Date last fiscal year ended.		
Total revenue for the most recent fiscal year.		
Total net income for the most recent fiscal year.		
Total assets as of the close of the previous fiscal year.		
DUNS Number and Federal Tax ID.		



#### **3. Defaults and Adverse Situations**

Describe, in detail, any situation in which Respondent (either alone or as part of a joint venture), or an affiliate of Respondent, defaulted or was deemed to be in noncompliance of its contractual obligations to deliver energy and/or capacity at wholesale within the past five years.	
Explain the situation, its outcome and all other relevant facts associated with the event described.	
Identify the name, title and telephone number of the principal manager of the customer/client who asserted the event of default or noncompliance.	
Has Respondent, or any affiliate of Respondent, in the last five years, (a) consented to the appointment of, or was taken in possession by, a receiver, trustee, custodian or liquidator of a substantial part of its assets, (b) filed a bankruptcy petition in any bankruptcy court proceeding, (c) answered, consented or sought relief under any bankruptcy or similar law or failed to obtain a dismissal of an involuntary petition, (d) admitted in writing of its inability to pay its debts when due, (e) made a general assignment for the benefit of creditors, (f) was the subject of an involuntary proceeding seeking to adjudicate that Party bankrupt or insolvent, (g) sought reorganization, arrangement, adjustment, or composition of it	No for all

or its debt under any law relating to bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization or relief of debtors.	
Describe any facts presently known to Respondent that might adversely affect its ability to provide the service(s) bid herein as provided for in the Request for Proposals.	None

### 4. NEPOOL and Power Supply Experience

Is Respondent a member of NEPOOL?	YES
Please list Respondent's NEPOOL Participant ID.	
If Respondent is NOT a NEPOOL member, list the name and Participant ID of the NEPOOL member who will carry Respondent's obligations in its settlement account. Please provide a supporting statement and contact information from such member.	N/A
Please describe Respondent's experience and record of performance in the areas of power marketing, brokering, sales, and/or contracting, for the last five years within NEPOOL and/or the New England region.	
Has Respondent previously provided Default Service to UES? If response is "NO", please provide references as requested below.  Please provide three references (name, title and contact information) who have contracted	1.

with the Respondent for load-following services or who can attest to Respondent's ability in the areas of power supply portfolio management within the past 2 years.	2. 3.
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Does Respondent extend sufficient financial credit to UES to facilitate the transactions sought via this RFP?	
Please indicate what, if any, financial security requirements Respondent has of UES in order to secure the extension of credit. Please attach any proposed contractual language.	
Does Respondent agree that the obligations of both parties are subject to and conditioned upon the NHPUC's approval of the retail rates derived from the transaction sought in this solicitation?	YES
Please list all regulatory approvals required before service can commence.	None
Is Respondent willing to enter into contractual terms substantially as proposed in the Power Supply Agreement contained in Appendix B?	
Provide any proposed modifications to the Power Supply Agreement provided in Appendix B or to the PSA Amendment in Appendix B1.	
Please briefly list issues here and provide proposed language changes in the document using the "track changes" feature of Microsoft Word, or other reviewable revision marking process.	

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Please provide a copy of the most recent financials including balance sheet, income statement and cash flow statement.		

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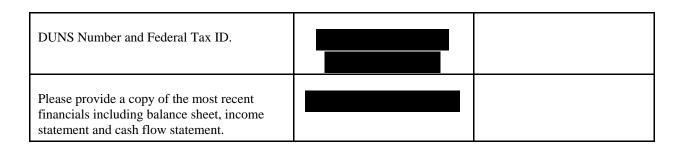
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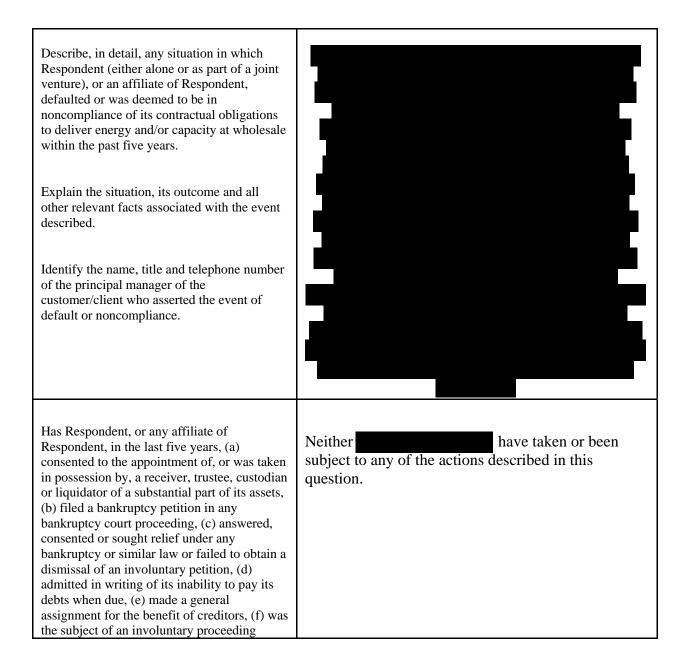
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Date last fiscal year ended.		
Total revenue for the most recent fiscal year.		
Total net income for the most recent fiscal year.		
Total assets as of the close of the previous fiscal year.		
DUNS Number and Federal Tax ID.		

Please provide a copy of the most recent financials including balance sheet, income statement and cash flow statement.	

## **3. Defaults and Adverse Situations**

Describe, in detail, any situation in which Respondent (either alone or as part of a joint venture), or an affiliate of Respondent, defaulted or was deemed to be in noncompliance of its contractual obligations to deliver energy and/or capacity at wholesale within the past five years. Explain the situation, its outcome and all other relevant facts associated with the event described. Identify the name, title and telephone number of the principal manager of the	None
customer/client who asserted the event of default or noncompliance.	
Has Respondent, or any affiliate of Respondent, in the last five years, (a) consented to the appointment of, or was taken in possession by, a receiver, trustee, custodian or liquidator of a substantial part of its assets, (b) filed a bankruptcy petition in any bankruptcy court proceeding, (c) answered, consented or sought relief under any bankruptcy or similar law or failed to obtain a dismissal of an involuntary petition, (d) admitted in writing of its inability to pay its debts when due, (e) made a general assignment for the benefit of creditors, (f) was the subject of an involuntary proceeding seeking to adjudicate that Party bankrupt or insolvent, (g) sought reorganization, arrangement, adjustment, or composition of it or its debt under any law relating to bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization or relief of debtors.	None
Describe any facts presently known to	None

Respondent that might adversely affect its ability to provide the service(s) bid herein as provided for in the Request for Proposals.	None
provided for in the request for risposaist	

# 4. NEPOOL and Power Supply Experience

Is Respondent a member of NEPOOL?	YES
Please list Respondent's NEPOOL Participant ID.	
If Respondent is NOT a NEPOOL member, list the name and Participant ID of the NEPOOL member who will carry Respondent's obligations in its settlement account. Please provide a supporting statement and contact information from such member.	n/a
Please describe Respondent's experience and record of performance in the areas of power marketing, brokering, sales, and/or contracting, for the last five years within NEPOOL and/or the New England region.	
Has Respondent previously provided Default Service to UES? If response is "NO", please provide references as requested below.  Please provide three references (name, title and contact information) who have contracted with the Respondent for load-following services or who can attest to Respondent's ability in the areas of power supply portfolio management within the past 2 years.	

## 5. Non Price Terms

Does Respondent extend sufficient financial credit to UES to facilitate the transactions sought via this RFP?	
Please indicate what, if any, financial security requirements Respondent has of UES in order to secure the extension of credit. Please attach any proposed contractual language.	
Does Respondent agree that the obligations of both parties are subject to and conditioned upon the NHPUC's approval of the retail rates derived from the transaction sought in this solicitation?	YES
Please list all regulatory approvals required before service can commence.	None
Is Respondent willing to enter into contractual terms substantially as proposed in the Power Supply Agreement contained in Appendix B?	
Provide any proposed modifications to the Power Supply Agreement provided in Appendix B or to the PSA Amendment in Appendix B1.	
Please briefly list issues here and provide proposed language changes in the document using the "track changes" feature of Microsoft Word, or other reviewable revision marking process.	

#### APPENDIX A: PROPOSAL SUBMISSION FORM

#### **1. General Information**

Name of Respondent	
Name of Parent or Guarantor (if any)	
Principal contact person < Name < Title < Company < Mailing address < Telephone number (office) < Telephone number (cell) < Fax number < E-mail address	
Secondary contact person (if any) < Name < Title < Company < Mailing address < Telephone number (office) < Telephone number (cell) < Fax number < E-mail address	
Legal form of business organization of Respondent (e.g., sole proprietorship, partnership, limited partnership, joint venture, or corporation)	
State(s) of incorporation, residency or organization Indicate whether Respondent is in good standing in all states in which Respondent is authorized to do business and, if not, which states and the reason it is not.	

If Respondent is a partnership, the names of all general and limited partners. If Respondent is a limited liability company, the names of all direct owners.	
Description of Respondent and all affiliated entities and joint ventures transacting business in the energy sector.	

## 2. Financial Information

Please provide the following for Respondent and/or Parent/Guarantor (as appropriate)	Respondent	Parent/Guarantor
Current debt ratings, including names of rating agencies and dates of ratings. If entity is not rated, please indicate.		
Date last fiscal year ended.		
Total revenue for the most recent fiscal year.		
Total net income for the most recent fiscal year.		
Total assets as of the close of the previous fiscal year.		
DUNS Number and Federal Tax ID.		

Please provide a copy of the most recent financials including balance sheet, income statement and cash flow statement.



## **3. Defaults and Adverse Situations**

Describe, in detail, any situation in which Respondent (either alone or as part of a joint venture), or an affiliate of Respondent, defaulted or was deemed to be in noncompliance of its contractual obligations to deliver energy and/or capacity at wholesale within the past five years.	No material defaults and/or adverse situations.
Explain the situation, its outcome and all other relevant facts associated with the event described.	
Identify the name, title and telephone number of the principal manager of the customer/client who asserted the event of default or noncompliance.	
Has Respondent, or any affiliate of Respondent, in the last five years, (a) consented to the appointment of, or was taken in possession by, a receiver, trustee, custodian or liquidator of a substantial part of its assets, (b) filed a bankruptcy petition in any bankruptcy court proceeding, (c) answered, consented or sought relief under any bankruptcy or similar law or failed to obtain a dismissal of an involuntary petition, (d) admitted in writing of its inability to pay its debts when due, (e) made a general assignment for the benefit of creditors, (f) was the subject of an involuntary proceeding seeking to adjudicate that Party bankrupt or insolvent, (g) sought reorganization, arrangement, adjustment, or composition of it or its debt under any law relating to bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization or relief of debtors.	None

Describe any facts presently known to	
Respondent that might adversely affect its	None
ability to provide the service(s) bid herein as	
provided for in the Request for Proposals.	

## 4. NEPOOL and Power Supply Experience

Is Respondent a member of NEPOOL?	YES
Please list Respondent's NEPOOL Participant ID.	
If Respondent is NOT a NEPOOL member, list the name and Participant ID of the NEPOOL member who will carry Respondent's obligations in its settlement account. Please provide a supporting statement and contact information from such member.	N/A
Please describe Respondent's experience and record of performance in the areas of power marketing, brokering, sales, and/or contracting, for the last five years within NEPOOL and/or the New England region.	
Has Respondent previously provided Default Service to UES? If response is "NO", please provide references as requested below.	
Please provide three references (name, title and contact information) who have contracted with the Respondent for load-following services or who can attest to Respondent's ability in the areas of power supply portfolio management within the past 2 years.	

## 5. Non Price Terms

Does Respondent extend sufficient financial credit to UES to facilitate the transactions sought via this RFP?	
Please indicate what, if any, financial security requirements Respondent has of UES in order to secure the extension of credit. Please attach any proposed contractual language.	
Does Respondent agree that the obligations of both parties are subject to and conditioned upon the NHPUC's approval of the retail rates derived from the transaction sought in this solicitation?	YES
Please list all regulatory approvals required before service can commence.	None
Is Respondent willing to enter into contractual terms substantially as proposed in the Power Supply Agreement contained in Appendix B?	
Provide any proposed modifications to the Power Supply Agreement provided in Appendix B or to the PSA Amendment in Appendix B1.	
Please briefly list issues here and provide proposed language changes in the document using the "track changes" feature of Microsoft Word, or other reviewable revision marking process.	

## Tab A(7). RFP Contact List

The seventh item attached to this Comparison of Bids contains the contact list used by UES during the RFP process. The contact list includes one contact from each entity, a summary of UES's communications with each supplier and UES's expectations with regard to each supplier's intention to bid prior to receipt of indicative bids. Contacts are identified as suppliers, brokers, other LDCs or consultants.

UES Default Service RFP Issued August 29, 2017 For Loads to be Served beginning December 1, 2017 RFP Contacts List				<u>Contact Types</u> # Suppliers = 41 # Brokers = 6 # Consultants = 1	# Suppliers = 41 # Spoken = 11 # Plan to Bid = 6 # Brokers = 6 # Email = 4 # May Bid = 3		
Party	No.	Contact Name	Company	Contact Type	Communic.	Initital Expectation	

## Tab A(8).Redlined Power Supply Agreements

The eighth and final item attached to this Comparison of Bids contains both the redline version of the PSA with Vitol and the redline Amendment to the PSA with Exelon.

#### POWER SUPPLY AGREEMENT

This POWER SUPPLY AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is dated as of **September 27, 2017** and is by and between UNITIL ENERGY SYSTEMS, INC. ("UES" or "Buyer"), a New Hampshire corporation, and **Company Control** ("Seller"), a **what control** This Agreement provides for the sale by Seller of Default Service, as defined herein, to the Buyer. The Buyer and Seller are referred to herein individually as a "Party" and collectively as the "Parties".

#### ARTICLE 1. BASIC UNDERSTANDINGS

Seller, in response to a Request for Proposals issued on **August 29, 2017** by the Buyer, has been selected to be the supplier of firm, load-following power to meet the Buyer's Service Requirements as defined in the Service Requirements Matrix found in Appendix A. This Agreement sets forth the terms under which Seller will supply, and Buyer will purchase, Default Service during the Delivery Term.

#### ARTICLE 2. DEFINITIONS

As used in this Agreement, the following terms shall have the meanings specified in this Article. In addition, except as otherwise expressly provided, terms with initial capitalization used in this Agreement and not defined herein shall have the meaning as defined in the ISO Rules.

<u>Affiliate</u> means, with respect to any Party, any person (other than an individual) that, directly or indirectly, controls, or is controlled by such Party. For this purpose, "control" means the direct or indirect ownership of fifty percent (50%) or more of the outstanding capital stock or other equity interests having ordinary voting power.

<u>Average Weighted RT LMP</u> (real time locational marginal price) is the value determined each month during the Delivery Term of the Large Customer Group Service Requirement. The Average Weighted RT LMP is added to the Fixed Monthly Adder to calculate the Contract Rate per MWH for the Large Customer Group Service Requirement. The calculation of the Average Weighted RT LMP is detailed in Section 5.1.

**Business Day** means a 24-hour period ending at 5:00 p.m. EPT, other than Saturday, Sunday and any day which is a legal holiday or a day on which banking institutions in Boston, Massachusetts are authorized by law or other governmental action to close.

**<u>Buyer</u>** means Unitil Energy Systems, Inc., its successors, assigns, employees, agents and authorized representatives.

**Buyer's System** means the electrical transmission and distribution system of the Buyer.

<u>Commencement Date</u> means, with respect to a Service Requirement, the period beginning at the start of HE 0100 EPT on the date set forth for such Service Requirement on Schedule 1 of Appendix A.

**<u>Commission</u>** means the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

<u>Competitive Supplier Terms</u> means the Terms and Conditions for Competitive Suppliers, which are a part of the Retail Delivery Tariff, as may be amended from time to time.

<u>Conclusion Date</u> means the end of the HE 2400 EPT on the date set forth for the Service Requirement on Schedule 2 of Appendix A.

<u>Contract Rate</u> means the value expressed in \$/MWh as set forth in Appendix B, as applicable to each Service Requirement, during a month in the Delivery Term.

<u>**Credit Rating**</u> means (i) the lower of the ratings assigned to an entity's unsecured, senior longterm debt obligations (not supported by third party credit enhancements) by S&P and Moody's, (ii) in the event the entity does not have a rating for its senior unsecured long-term debt, the lower of the rating assigned to the entity as an issuer rating by S&P and Moody's, or the rating assigned to the entity as an issuer rating by any other rating agency agreed to by both Parties in each Party's sole and exclusive judgment.

<u>Credit Requirements</u> mean the satisfaction of any and all financial measures and/or Credit Rating status so as to avoid a Downgrade Event, as defined in Section 7.3(a).

<u>Customer Disconnection Date</u> means the date when a Default Service Customer is disconnected from service, as determined by the Buyer in accordance with the Retail Delivery Tariff.

<u>**Customer Group**</u> means the Small Customer Group or the Large Customer Group, as the case may be.

<u>Customer Initiation Date</u> means the date a retail customer of the Buyer begins taking service pursuant to the Schedule DS of the Buyer's Retail Delivery Tariff, as determined by the Buyer.

<u>Customer Termination Date</u> means the date when a Default Service Customer ceases to take service pursuant to Schedule DS under the Retail Delivery Tariff.

**Default Service** means the provision of Requirements by Seller at the Delivery Point to the Buyer to meet all needs of Default Service Customers.

**Default Service Customer(s)** means the retail customer(s) in each Customer Group identified in Appendix A taking service pursuant to Schedule DS of the Retail Delivery Tariff during the applicable Delivery Term.

**Delivered Energy** means the quantity of energy, expressed in MWh, provided by Seller under the terms of this Agreement. This quantity shall be the sum of energy reported to the ISO by the Buyer for each of the Load Assets identified in Section 6.4, with such quantity determined by the Buyer in accordance with Section 6.3 of this Agreement. Such quantity shall not include any allocation of PTF losses up to and including the Delivery Point (which the ISO may assess to Seller in relation to such energy), but shall include transmission and distribution losses on the Buyer's System from the Delivery Point to the meters of Default Service Customers.

**Delivery Point** means the PTF location where Requirements are settled under ISO Rules. UES load assets are currently settled at the New Hampshire Load Zone (4002). The UES load physically exists and is metered at the substations listed in Appendix C.

**Delivery Term(s)** means the applicable period associated with a Service Requirement beginning at the start of HE 0100 EPT in Schedule 1 through and including the end of the HE 2400 EPT in Schedule 2 of Appendix A.

**<u>EPT</u>** means Eastern Prevailing Time.

**Fixed Monthly Adder** means the dollar per MWH price specified in Appendix B. The Fixed Monthly Adder is added to the Average Weighted RT LMP each month during the Delivery Term of the Large Customer Group Service Requirement in order to calculate the monthly Contract Rate per MWH for the Large Customer Group Service Requirement.

<u>GAAP</u> means Generally Accepted Accounting Principles promulgated by the Financial Accounting Standards Board at the time of issuance of the financial statements.

**Governing Documents** means, with respect to any particular entity, (a) if a corporation, the (i) articles of organization, articles of incorporation or certificate of incorporation and (ii) the bylaws; (b) if a general partnership, the partnership agreement and any statement of partnership; (c) if a limited partnership, the limited partnership agreement and the certificate of limited partnership; (d) if a limited liability company, the articles or certificate of organization or formation and operating agreement; (e) if another type of entity, any other charter or similar document adopted or filed in connection with the creation, formation or organization of such entity; (f) all equity holders' agreements, voting agreements, voting trust agreements, joint venture agreements, registration rights agreements or other agreements or documents relating to the organization, management or operation of any entity or relating to the rights, duties and obligations of the equity holders of any entity; and (g) any amendment or supplement to any of the foregoing.

**Interest Rate** means, for any date, the lesser of (a) the per annum rate of interest equal to the prime lending rate as may from time to time be published in The Wall Street Journal under "Money Rates" on such day (or if not published on such day, on the most recent preceding day on which published), plus two percent (2%) and (b) the maximum rate permitted by applicable law.

**Investment Grade** means (i) if an entity has a Credit Rating from both S&P and Moody's then, a Credit Rating from S&P equal to or better than "BBB-" and a Credit Rating from Moody's equal to or better than "Baa3"; or (ii) if an entity has a Credit Rating from only one of S&P and Moody's, then a Credit Rating from S&P equal to or better than "BBB-" or a Credit Rating from Moody's equal to or better than "Baa3 or (iii) if the Parties have mutually agreed in writing on an additional or alternative rating agency, then a Credit Rating from S&P (if applicable) equal to or better than "Baa3", and with respect to the additional or alternative rating agency, a credit rating equal to or better than that mutually agreed to by the Parties in each Party's sole and exclusive judgment.

**ISO** means ISO New England Inc., the Independent System Operator / Regional Transmission Organization established in accordance with the NEPOOL Agreement, and any successor.

**ISO Manuals** means the ISO Manual M-06 Financial Transmission Rights, the ISO Manual M-11 Market Operations, the ISO Manual M-20 Installed Capacity, the ISO Manual M-27 Tariff Accounting, the ISO Manual M-28 Market Rule 1 Accounting, the ISO Manual M-29 Billing, the ISO Manual M-35 Definitions and Abbreviations, the ISO Manual M-36 Forward Reserve, the ISO Manual M-LRP Load Response Program, as they may be amended, restated, or succeeded from time to time. In the event that ISO adopts additional manuals, then these shall also be included in this definition.

**ISO Rules** means all rules adopted by the ISO or NEPOOL, as such rules may be amended, added, superseded and restated from time to time, including the NEPOOL Agreement, ISO New England Inc. Transmission, Markets and Services Tariff FERC Electric Tariff No. 3, the Transmission Operating Agreement, and the Participants Agreement, the ISO Manuals, and the NEPOOL Operating Procedures.

**<u>kWh</u>** means kilowatt-hour.

**Large Customer Group** means the retail customers assigned to the following customer rate class: Large General Service Schedule G1.

<u>Material Adverse Effect</u> means, with respect to a Party, any change in or effect on such Party after the date of this Agreement that is materially adverse to the transactions contemplated hereby, excluding any change or effect resulting from (a) changes in the international, national, regional or local wholesale or retail markets for electric power; (b) changes in the international, national, regional or local markets for any fuel; (c) changes in the North American, national, regional or local electric transmission or distribution systems; and (d) any action or inaction by a governmental authority, but in any such case not affecting the Parties or the transactions contemplated hereby in any manner or degree significantly different from others in the industry as a whole.

<u>Medium Customer Group</u> means the retail customers assigned to the following customer rate classes: Regular General Service Schedule G2, and Outdoor Lighting Service Schedule OL.

<u>Moody's</u> means Moody's Investors Service Inc., its successors and assigns.

**<u>MWh</u>** means Megawatt-hour.

<u>NE-GIS</u> means the NEPOOL Generation Information System, which includes a generation information database and certificate system, operated by ISO, its designee or successor entity, that accounts for generation attributes of electricity consumed within New England.

<u>NE-GIS Certificates</u> means a document produced by the NE-GIS that identifies the relevant generation attributes of each MWh accounted for in the NE-GIS from a generation unit.

**<u>NEPOOL</u>** means the New England Power Pool, or its successor.

<u>NEPOOL Agreement</u> means the Second Restated New England Power Pool Agreement effective on February 1, 2005, as amended or accepted by the Commission and as may be amended, superseded and/or restated from time to time.

**<u>NHPUC</u>** means the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission.

**<u>NH Load Zone</u>** means the New Hampshire Reliability Region as defined in the ISO Rules.

**<u>PTF</u>** means facilities categorized as Pool Transmission Facilities under ISO Rules.

**<u>Requirements</u>** shall be defined in Section 4.2(c).

**<u>Retail Delivery Tariff</u>** means UES' Tariff for Electric Delivery in the State of New Hampshire.

**<u>S&P</u>** means Standard & Poor's Rating Group, its successors and assigns.

<u>Service Requirement</u> means a load-following, wholesale power supply requirement, defined by a unique combination of Customer Group, load responsibility and Delivery Term as listed in Appendix A.

<u>Shareholder Equity</u> means the Common Stock Equity as defined in the audited annual financial statements prepared in accordance with current U.S. GAAP. However, Shareholder Equity shall be exclusive of accumulated Other Comprehensive Income.

<u>Small Customer Group</u> means the retail customers assigned to the following customer rate classes: Domestic Delivery Service Schedule D.

# ARTICLE 3. TERM, SERVICE PROVISIONS AND REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

#### Section 3.1 Term

This Agreement shall be effective immediately upon execution by the Parties and shall continue in effect until the Service Requirements listed in Appendix A have been fully performed and final payment made hereunder or this Agreement has been otherwise terminated as provided herein by reason of an uncured Event of Default. As of the expiration of this Agreement or, if earlier, its termination, the Parties shall no longer be bound by the terms and provisions hereof, except (a) to the extent necessary to enforce the rights and obligations of the Parties arising under this Agreement before such expiration or termination and (b) the obligations of the Parties hereunder with respect to audit rights, remedies for default, damages claims, indemnification and defense of claims shall survive the termination or expiration of this Agreement to the full extent necessary for their enforcement and the protection of the Party in whose favor they run, subject to any time limits specifically set forth in this Agreement.

#### Section 3.2 <u>Commencement of Supply</u>

(a) Beginning as of the Commencement Date applicable to the Customer Group set forth on Appendix A, Seller shall provide Requirements to the Buyer. For purposes of certainty: Seller's obligations on the Commencement Date shall be to provide Requirements for all Default Service Customers taking service as of and including the Commencement Date.

(b) With respect to each person or entity that becomes a Default Service Customer subsequent to the Commencement Date, Seller shall provide Requirements to the Buyer to meet the needs of the Default Service Customer(s) as of and including the Customer Initiation Date for such customer initiating such service during the Delivery Term.

(c) During the Delivery Term that Seller provides Default Service to the Buyer's Large Customer Group, Buyer shall make its best efforts to notify Seller promptly of all Customer Initiation Dates of retail customers in the Large Customer Group. Upon such notice, Buyer shall also provide historic annual (prior billed 12 months) peak kVa and total kWh consumption for such customers.

#### Section 3.3 Termination and Conclusion of Supply

(a) With respect to each Default Service Customer that terminates Default Service, during the Delivery Term, Seller shall not provide Requirements for such customer as of the Customer Termination Date.

(b) During the Delivery Term that Seller provides Default Service to the Buyer's Large Customer Group, Buyer shall make best efforts to notify Seller promptly of all Customer Termination Dates and Customer Disconnection Dates of retail customers in the Large Customer Group. Upon such notice, Buyer shall also provide historic annual (prior billed 12 months) peak kVa and total kWh consumption for such customers.

(c) Seller's obligation to provide Requirements shall cease at the Conclusion Date.

#### Section 3.4 Distribution Service Interruptions

Seller acknowledges that interruptions in distribution service occur and may reduce the load served hereunder. Seller further acknowledges and agrees that the Buyer may interrupt

distribution service to customers consistent with the Distribution Service Terms and the Competitive Supplier Terms. In no event shall a Party have any liability or obligation to the other Party in respect of any such interruptions in distribution service.

#### Section 3.5 Release of Customer Information

The Buyer will not issue any customer information to Seller unless Seller has first obtained the necessary authorization in accordance with the provisions of the Competitive Supplier Terms.

#### Section 3.6 Change in Supply; No Prohibition on Programs

(a) Seller acknowledges and agrees that the number of customers and the Requirements to meet the needs of such customers will fluctuate throughout the Delivery Term and may equal zero. The Buyer shall not be liable to Seller for any losses Seller may incur, lost revenues, and losses that may result from any change in Requirements, number or location of customers taking service, the location of the Delivery Point(s), the composition or components of market products or Requirements, or the market for electricity, or change in the Retail Delivery Tariff. Seller further acknowledges and agrees that there is no limit on the number of Customer Initiation Dates, Customer Termination Dates and Customer Disconnection Dates.

(b) Seller acknowledges and agrees that the Buyer has the right but not the obligation to continue, initiate, support or participate in any programs, promotions, or initiatives designed to or with the effect of encouraging customers to leave Default Service for any reason ("Programs"). Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to require notice to or approval of Seller in order for the Buyer to take any action in relation to Programs.

(c) Seller acknowledges and agrees that the Buyer and Affiliates of the Buyer will not provide Seller preferential access to or use of the Buyer's System and that Seller's sole and exclusive rights and remedies with regard to access to, use or availability of the Buyer's System, and the Buyer's or Affiliates of the Buyer's obligation to transmit electricity are those rights, remedies and obligations provided under the Retail Delivery Tariff, the ISO Rules, and the Buyer's Open Access Transmission Tariff.

#### Section 3.7 Disclosure Requirements

In the event that the NHPUC implements a disclosure label requirement, which requires the Buyer to document its power supply attributes, then the Seller shall provide the Buyer information pertaining to power plant emissions, fuel types, labor information and any other information required by the Buyer to comply.

#### Section 3.8 <u>Regulatory Approvals</u>

Notwithstanding Section 21(d) below, or anything else to the contrary herein, the Parties' obligations under this Agreement are subject to Buyer obtaining approval from NHPUC of the inclusion in retail rates of the amounts payable by Buyer to Seller under this Agreement, without material modification to the obligations of either Party under this Agreement. Buyer shall use its best efforts to obtain prompt approval of such rates. If Buyer is unable to obtain NHPUC approval by **October 613, 2017**, Buyer and Seller agree to review the status of such approval process and determine whether to continue to pursue the transaction contemplated in this Agreement. If the Parties cannot agree as to how to continue such transaction, this Agreement shall terminate without liability to either Party.

#### ARTICLE 4. SALE AND PURCHASE

#### Section 4.1 <u>Provision Delivery and Receipt</u>

Seller shall provide and deliver to the Delivery Point and the Buyer shall receive at the Delivery Point the percent of the Requirements applicable to each Service Requirement as set forth on Appendix A during the Delivery Term.

#### Section 4.2 <u>Responsibilities</u>

(a) Buyer shall be responsible for arranging and paying for the transmission of the power across NEPOOL PTF and for any ancillary services, allocated to the Network Load, associated with the Service Requirements. Arranging and paying for transmission across NEPOOL PTF, required of the Buyer, includes, but is not limited to taking Regional Network Service under the ISO New England Inc. Transmission, Markets and Services Tariff ("ISO Tariff"). Arranging and paying for ancillary services, required by the Buyer, includes, but is not limited to any transmission dispatch or power administration services, as may be allocated to Network Load in accordance with ISO Rules. Arranging and paying for transmission from NEPOOL PTF to Buyer's distribution facilities includes, but is not limited to, taking Network Integration Transmission Service under the Service Company and UES.

(b) Seller shall be responsible for all present and future obligations, requirements, and costs associated with the Requirements.

(c) The term "Requirements" means the provision of energy at the Delivery Point as set forth in Section 4.2(e), capacity as set forth in Section 4.2(f) and ancillary services as set forth in Section 4.2(g), in each case associated with the Service Requirements as set forth in Appendix A.

(d) If ISO Rules are modified during the Term of this Agreement, which change the allocation of currently existing charges and obligations from the Load Asset, associated with the Service Requirements to the Network Load, associated with the Buyer's transmission responsibilities, then, if possible, the charges or obligations shall be transferred back to the Seller through the ISO and/or ISO settlement process. If such transfer is not possible, then the Seller shall compensate the Buyer for any additional cost. If ISO Rules are modified during the Term of this Agreement, which change the allocation of currently existing charges and obligations from the Network Load, associated with the Buyer's transmission responsibilities to the Load Asset, associated with the Service Requirements, then, if possible, the charges or obligations shall be transferred back to the Buyer through the ISO and/or ISO settlement process. If such transfer is not possible, then the Buyer shall compensate the Seller for such charges. If ISO Rules are changed after the date of this Agreement, which create new charges or obligations, associated with the Service Requirements, then the Seller shall be responsible for such new charges or obligations. Likewise, if ISO Rules are changed during the Term of this Agreement, which create new charges or obligations, associated with the Network Load, associated with the Buyer's transmission responsibilities, then the Buyer shall be responsible for such charges or obligations.

(e) Provision of energy includes, but is not limited to the following. Seller shall have the Day-Ahead Load Obligation and the Real-Time Load Obligation, associated with the Service Requirements at the Delivery Point. Currently, the Energy Settlement Obligation, associated with the Service Requirements at the Delivery Point, is settled at the New Hampshire Load Zone. In the event that NEPOOL or the ISO implements nodal settlement of load obligations of the

Day-Ahead Energy Market and Real-Time Energy Market, the Seller shall continue to be responsible for Day-Ahead and Real-Time Load Obligations at the appropriate settlement location(s), associated with the Service Requirements at the Delivery Point.

(f) Provision of capacity includes, but is not limited to the following. Seller shall have the ICAP Settlement Obligation, associated with the Service Requirements at the Delivery Point. Currently, the ICAP Settlement Obligation, associated with the Service Requirements at the Delivery Point, can be satisfied with any ICAP resource, recognized by the ISO in the NEPOOL control-area or imported into the NEPOOL control-area. In the event that ISO implements a locational capacity requirement, including that which was proposed in the Commission's docket number ER03-563, then the Seller will be responsible for providing ICAP at the location, required to meet the Locational ICAP Settlement Obligation, associated with the Service Requirements at the Delivery Point.

(g) Provision of ancillary services, required of the Seller, includes, but is not limited to Regulation, Operating Reserves, Reliability Must-Run Operating Reserves ("RMR") other than RMR Operating Reserve charges that are monthly fixed-cost charges paid to resources pursuant to agreements negotiated under Market Rule 1, Appendix A, Section 6, net commitment period compensation ("NCPC") other than RMR NCPC charges that are monthly fixed-cost charges paid to resources pursuant to agreements negotiated under Market Rule 1 Appendix A, Section 6, net commitment period compensation ("NCPC") other than RMR NCPC charges that are monthly fixed-cost charges paid to resources pursuant to agreements negotiated under Market Rule 1 Appendix A, Section 6, Forward Reserves, and any transmission dispatch or power administration services, as may be allocated to the Owner of the Load Assets, associated with the Service Requirements in accordance with ISO Rules. If ISO Rules are changed such that locational ancillary services are required, then the Seller shall be responsible for meeting the locational ancillary services requirement, associated with the Service Requirements at the Delivery Point.

(h) It is the intent of the Parties that for each Financial Transmission Rights Auction ("FTR Auction") conducted by the ISO for months within the Delivery Terms(s), those Auction Revenue Rights ("ARRs") associated solely with the Service Requirement shall be assigned or paid to Seller, provided, however, Buyer shall be under no obligation to participate in any manner in any FTR Auction in order to increase Auction Revenue Right quantities.

#### ARTICLE 5. AMOUNT, BILLING and PAYMENT

#### Section 5.1 <u>Amount</u>

The amount payable by the Buyer to Seller for Delivered Energy in a month shall be the product of (a) the sum of the Delivered Energy for each Customer Group, as identified in Appendix A in each month during the applicable Delivery Term; and (b) the Contract Rate for such Service Requirement as identified in Appendix B for such month during the applicable Delivery Term.

Appendix B indicates that the prices listed for the Large Customer Group are Fixed Monthly Adders, therefore the Contract Rate will be calculated as the sum of the Average Weighted RT LMP and the Fixed Monthly Adder as shown in Equation 1. The Average Weighted RT LMP is calculated in accordance with Equation 2.

#### Equation 1

Contract Rate = Average Weighted RT LMP + Fixed Monthly Adder

The Average Weighted RT LMP shall be calculated using the MWH of Delivered Energy reported for the Large Customer Group default service load asset, Load Asset number 10019, and the hourly real time locational marginal prices ("RT LMP") for the settlement location of Load Asset 10019, which is currently the New Hampshire Load Zone (4002). The Average Weighted RT LMP equals the sum of the products of the RT LMP and the Delivered Energy (MWH) of Load Asset 10019 in each hour of the month of service, divided by the sum of Delivered Energy (MWH) of Load Asset 10019 for the month of service, as shown in Equation 2.

#### **Equation 2**

## Average Weighted RT LMP = $\frac{Sum [hourly RT LMP * hourly Delivered Energy (MWH) of Load Asset 10019]}{Sum [hourly Delivered Energy (MWH) of Load Asset 10019]}$

The Large Customer Group prices listed in Appendix B are Fixed Monthly Adders requiring the Contract Rate to be calculated as described in Equation 1 and Equation 2, and the Contract Rate will be determined and affirmed by both Buyer and Seller by the third business day following the month of service. Once agreed upon, the Contract Rate for the month of service shall be final and shall not be subject to change in the event that either the New Hampshire RT LMP or the Delivered Energy (MWH) of Load Asset 10019 are subsequently revised or restated.

Section 5.2 <u>Billing and Payment</u>

(a) On or before the twentieth (20th) day of each month ("Invoice Date") during the term of this Agreement, Seller shall calculate the amount due and payable to Seller pursuant to this Article 5, for Delivered Energy with respect to the preceding month (the "Calculation"). Seller shall provide the Calculation to the Buyer and such Calculation shall include sufficient detail for the Buyer to verify its formulation and computation. Calculations under this paragraph shall be subject to recalculation in accordance with Article 6 and shall be subject to adjustment (positive or negative) based upon such recalculation (a "Reconciliation Adjustment"). Seller shall promptly calculate the Reconciliation Adjustment upon receiving data described in Section 6.3 and shall include the adjustment, if any, in the next month's Invoice. A Reconciliation Adjustment based upon a change in the quantity for an earlier month shall be calculated using the applicable Contract Rate for the month in which the Delivered Energy was received.

(b) Seller shall submit to the Buyer an invoice with such Calculation as provided for in paragraph (a) of this Section (the "Invoice") and the respective amounts due under this Agreement on the Invoice Date. The Buyer shall pay Seller the amount of the Invoice (including the Reconciliation Adjustment, if any, as a debit or credit) less any amounts disputed in accordance with Section 5.3, on or before the later of the last Business Day of each month, or the tenth (10th) day after receipt of the Invoice, or, if such day is not a Business Day, then on the next following Business Day, (the "Due Date"). Except for amounts disputed in accordance with Section 5.3, if all or any part of the Invoice remains unpaid after the Due Date, interest shall accrue after but not including the Due Date and be payable to Seller on such unpaid amount at the Interest Rate in effect on the Due Date. The Due Date for a Reconciliation Adjustment shall be the Due Date of the Invoice in which it is included.

(c) Each Party shall notify the other Party upon becoming aware of an error in an Invoice, Calculation or Reconciliation Adjustment (whether the amount is paid or not) and Seller shall promptly issue a corrected Invoice. Overpayments shall be returned by the receiving Party upon request or deducted by the receiving Party from subsequent invoices, with interest accrued at the Interest Rate from the date of the receipt of the overpayment until the date paid or deducted.

#### Section 5.3 Challenge to Invoices

Either Party may challenge, in writing, the accuracy of Calculations, Invoices, Reconciliation Adjustments and data no later than twenty-four (24) months after the Due Date of the Invoice in which the disputed information is contained. If a Party does not challenge the accuracy within such twenty-four (24) month period, such Invoice shall be binding upon that Party and shall not be subject to challenge. If any amount in dispute is ultimately determined (under the terms herein) to be due to the other Party, it shall be paid or returned (as the case may be) to the other Party within three (3) Business Days of such determination along with interest accrued at the Interest Rate from the (i) date due and owing in accordance with the Invoice until the date paid or (ii) if the amount was paid and is to be returned, from the date paid, until the date returned.

#### Section 5.4 <u>Taxes, Fees and Levies</u>

Seller shall be obligated to pay all present and future taxes, fees and levies ("Taxes") which may be assessed by any entity upon the Seller's performance under this Agreement the purchase and sale of Requirements. Seller shall pay all Taxes with respect to the Requirements up to and at the Delivery Point, and the Buyer will pay all Taxes with respect to the Requirements after the Delivery Point. All Requirements, including electricity and other related market products delivered hereunder by Seller to the Buyer shall be sales for resale with the Buyer reselling such electricity and products.

#### Section 5.5 <u>Netting and Setoff</u>

Except for security provided pursuant to Section 7.3 (which shall not be considered for purposes of this Section 5.5) and unless otherwise specified in another agreement between the Parties, if the Parties are required to pay an amount in the same month each to the other under this Agreement or any other agreement between the Parties, or if any costs that are a Party's responsibility under this Agreement are incorrectly or inappropriately charged to the Party by the ISO, such amounts shall be netted, and the Party owing the greater aggregate amount shall pay to the other Party any difference between the amounts owed. Each Party reserves all rights, setoffs, counterclaims and other remedies and defenses (to the extent not expressly herein or therein waived or denied) that such Party has or to which such Party may be entitled arising from or out of this Agreement or the other agreement. Further, if the Buyer incurs any costs or charges that are the responsibility of Seller under this Agreement, such costs or charges may, at the Buyer's election, be netted against any amount due to Seller under this Agreement. All outstanding obligations to make payment under this Agreement or any other agreement between the Parties may be netted against each other, set off or recouped there from, or otherwise adjusted.

#### ARTICLE 6. QUALITY; LOSSES and QUANTITIES REQUIRED; DETERMINATION AND REPORTING OF HOURLY LOADS

#### Section 6.1 Quality

All electricity shall be delivered to the Buyer in the form of three-phase sixty-hertz alternating current at the Delivery Point.

#### Section 6.2 Losses

Seller shall be responsible for any transmission losses up to and including the Delivery Point. Losses beyond the Delivery Point are included in Delivered Energy and are paid for by the Buyer at the applicable Contract Rate.

#### Section 6.3 Determination and Reporting of Hourly Loads

The Buyer will estimate the Delivered Energy for Default Service provided by Seller pursuant to this Agreement based upon average load profiles developed for each of the Buyer's customer classes, actual metered data, as available, and the Buyer's actual total hourly load. The Buyer shall report to the ISO and Seller, the estimated Delivered Energy. In accordance with the ISO Rules, the Buyer will normally report to the ISO and to Seller, the Seller's estimated Delivered Energy by 1:00 P.M EPT of the second following Business Day after delivery. The Buyer shall have the right but not the obligation, in its sole and exclusive judgment, to modify the Estimation Process from time to time, provided that any such modification is designed with the objective of improving the accuracy of the Estimation Process.

Each month, the Buyer shall reconcile the Buyer's estimate of the Delivered Energy based upon the Buyer's meter reads (such meter reads as provided for in the Retail Delivery Tariff). The reconciliation, including all losses, shall be the adjusted Delivered Energy. In accordance with the ISO Rules the Buyer will normally notify the ISO of any resulting adjustment (debit or credit) to Seller's account for the Load Assets (set forth in Section 6.4) no later than the last day of the third month following the billing month.

#### Section 6.4 ISO Settlement Power System Model Implementation

The Default Service provided by Seller pursuant to this Agreement will be initially represented within the ISO Settlement Power System Model as described in Appendix A.

As soon as possible after the execution of this Agreement and before the Commencement Date, the Buyer shall assign to Seller, and Seller shall accept assignment of an Ownership Share for each Load Asset identified in Appendix A. Such assignment shall be effective beginning on the Commencement Date. Seller shall take any and all actions necessary to effectuate such assignment including executing documents required by ISO Rules. Once Seller's provision of Default Service terminates (at the end of a Delivery Term or otherwise), the Buyer and Seller will terminate Seller's Ownership Shares of the aforementioned Load Assets.

The Buyer shall have the right to change the Load Asset designations (identified above) from time to time, consistent with the definition and provision of Default Service. If and to the extent such designations change, the Buyer and Seller shall cooperate to timely put into effect the necessary documents that may be required to implement the new designations and terminate the prior designations.

#### ARTICLE 7. DEFAULT AND TERMINATION

#### Section 7.1 Events of Default

(a) Any one or more of the following events shall constitute an "Event of Default" hereunder with respect to the Buyer:

(i) Failure of the Buyer

(A) in any material respect to comply with, observe or perform any covenant, warranty or obligation under this Agreement (but excluding events that are otherwise specifically covered in this Section as a separate Event of Default and except due to causes excused by Force Majeure or attributable to Seller's' in breach of this Agreement); and

(B) After receipt of written notice from Seller such failure continues for a period of five (5) Business Days, or, if such failure cannot be reasonably cured within such five (5) Business Day period, such further period as shall reasonably be required to effect such cure (but in no event longer than thirty (30) days), provided that the Buyer commences within such five (5) Business Day period to effect a cure and at all times thereafter proceed diligently to complete the cure as quickly as possible and provides to Seller written documentation of its efforts and plan to cure and estimated time for completion of the cure.

(ii) Failure of the Buyer to (A) make when due any undisputed payment due to Seller hereunder; and (B) after receipt of written notice from Seller such failure continues for a period of three (3) Business Days.

(iii) Failure of the Buyer to accept Default Service in accordance with Article 3 (unless excused by Force Majeure or attributable to the Seller's breach of this Agreement, or otherwise in accordance with this Agreement).

(b) Any one or more of the following events shall constitute an "Event of Default" hereunder with respect to Seller:

(i) Failure of Seller

(A) in any material respect to comply with, observe, or perform any covenant, warranty or obligation under this Agreement (but excluding events that are otherwise specifically covered in this Section as a separate Event of Default and except due to causes excused by Force Majeure or attributable to the Buyer's in breach of this Agreement); and

(B) after receipt of written notice from the Buyer such failure continues for a period of five (5) Business Days, or, if such failure cannot be reasonably cured within such five (5) Business Day period, such further period as shall reasonably be required to effect a cure (but in no event longer than thirty (30) days), provided that Seller commences within such five (5) Business Day period to effect such cure and at all times thereafter proceeds diligently to complete the cure as quickly as possible and provides to the Buyer written documentation of its efforts and plan to cure and estimated time for completion of the cure;

(ii) Failure of Seller to provide Requirements in accordance with Articles 3 and 4

(c) Any one or more of the following events with respect to either Party shall constitute an "Event of Default" hereunder with respect to such Party:

- (i) The entry by a court having jurisdiction in the premises of (A) a decree or order for relief in respect of such Party in an involuntary case or proceeding under any applicable federal or state bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or other similar law, or (B) a decree or order adjudging such Party as bankrupt or insolvent, or approving as properly filed a petition seeking reorganization, arrangement, adjustment or composition of or in respect of such Party under any applicable federal or state law, or appointing a custodian, receiver, liquidator, assignee, trustee, sequestrator or other similar official of such Party or of any substantial part of its property, or ordering the winding up or liquidation of its affairs;
- The commencement by such Party of a voluntary case or proceeding, or any filing (ii) by a third party of an involuntary case or proceeding against a Party that is not dismissed within forty-five (45) days of such filing, under any applicable federal or state bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or other similar law, or of any other case or proceeding to be adjudicated as bankrupt or insolvent, or the consent by it to the entry of a decree or order for relief in respect of such Party in an involuntary case or proceeding under any applicable federal or state bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or other similar law or to the commencement of any bankruptcy or insolvency case or proceeding against it, or the filing by it of a petition or answer or consent seeking reorganization or relief under any applicable federal or state law, or the consent by it to the filing of such petition or to the appointment of or taking possession by a custodian, receiver, liquidator, assignee, trustee, sequestrator or other similar official of a Party or of any substantial part of its property, or the making by it of an assignment for the benefit of creditors, or the admission by it in writing of its inability to pay its debts generally as they become due, or the taking of corporate action by such Party in furtherance of any such action:
- (iii) Any representation or warranty made by a Party is or becomes false or misleading in any material respect.
- (iv) Failure of such Party to deliver Performance Assurance when due in accordance with Section 7.3 if such failure is not remedied within three (3) Business Days after written notice.

#### Section 7.2 <u>Remedies Upon Default</u>

The Parties shall have the following remedies available to them with respect to the occurrence of an Event of Default with respect to the other Party hereunder:

(a) Upon the occurrence of an Event of Default, the non-defaulting Party shall have the right to (i) continue performance under this Agreement and exercise such rights and remedies as it may have at law, in equity or under this Agreement and seek remedies as may be necessary or desirable to enforce performance and observation of any obligations and covenants under this Agreement, so long as such rights and remedies are not duplicative of any other rights and remedies hereof, and do not otherwise enable the non-defaulting Party to obtain performance or payments in excess of the performance and payments to which it is otherwise entitled pursuant to this Agreement, or (ii) at its option, give such defaulting Party a written notice (a "Termination Notice") terminating this Agreement. Upon a termination for an Event of Default under Section 7.1(a), (b) or (c)(iii) and (iv), such termination shall be effective as of the date specified in the Termination Notice, which date shall be no earlier than the date such notice is effective and no later than thirty (30) days after the date of such notice is provided to the defaulting Party in accordance with Article 8. Upon a termination for an Event of Default under Section 7.1(c)(i) or (ii), such termination shall be effective as of the Event of Default under Section 7.1(c)(i) or (ii), such termination shall be effective as of the Event of Default under Section 7.1(c)(i) or (ii) shall be void and of no effect. The Parties' obligations under this Agreement, in general and under this Section 7.2 in particular, are subject to the duty to mitigate damages as provided under common law.

(b) At any time after the occurrence of an Event of Default, or the delivery of a Termination Notice to the defaulting Party by the non-defaulting Party, the non-defaulting Party may exercise any rights it may have pursuant to the Section 7.3 (Security).

(c) In the event of termination for an Event of Default as provided in Section 7.1, in addition to any amounts owed for performance (or failure to perform) hereunder prior to such termination, the non-defaulting Party may recover, without duplication, its direct damages resulting from such Event of Default; such damages shall include the positive (if any) present value of this Agreement to the non-defaulting Party for the portion of the Delivery Term remaining at the time of such termination, to be determined by reference to market prices, transaction costs and load reasonably projected for the remaining portion of the Delivery Term ("Termination Damages"). The Termination Damages shall include all reasonably incurred transaction costs and expenses that otherwise would not have been incurred by the non-defaulting Party. In determining its Termination Damages, the non-defaulting Party shall offset its losses and costs by any gains or savings realized by the non-defaulting Party as a result of the termination.

Payment of Termination Damages, if any, shall be made by the defaulting Party to the nondefaulting Party within five (5) days after calculation of such Termination Damages and receipt of a notice including such calculation of the amounts owed hereunder and a written statement showing in reasonable detail the calculation and a summary of the method used to determine such amounts. Upon the reasonable request of the defaulting Party, the non-defaulting Party shall provide reasonable documentation to verify the costs underlying the Termination Damages. If the defaulting Party disputes the non-defaulting Party's calculation of the Termination Damages, in whole or in part, the defaulting Party shall, within five (5) days of receipt of the non-defaulting Party's calculation of the Termination Damages, provide to the non-defaulting Party a detailed written explanation of the basis for such dispute; provided, however, that, the defaulting Party shall first pay the Termination Damages, if any, to the non-defaulting Party in accordance with the preceding sentence, and the non-defaulting Party shall then deposit such disputed amount into an interest bearing escrow account for the benefit of the prevailing Party and the dispute shall be resolved in accordance with Section 15.2.

(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the cure of any default or failure to comply with, observe or perform any covenant, warranty or obligation under this Agreement

within the period provided therefor in this Article shall not release such defaulting Party from its obligations under Section 9.2 of this Agreement.

(e) Upon termination the Buyer shall, and upon the occurrence of an Event of Default by Seller, the Buyer shall have the right to, immediately notify the ISO that (i) the assignment from the Buyer to Seller of the applicable Ownership Share has been terminated, (ii) the Load Assets shall be removed from Seller's account and placed in the account of the Buyer and (iii) Seller consents to such action. In the event the Buyer so notifies the ISO, Seller shall immediately take any and all actions that may be required by the ISO to remove the Load Assets from Seller's account and place them in the account of the Buyer. If the Agreement has not been terminated, the Buyer, in its sole discretion with 5 Business Days prior notice to Seller, may elect to assign the applicable Ownership Share of the Load Assets to the account of Seller and Seller shall accept such assignment, consistent with the actions required by Section 6.4 of this Agreement.

#### Section 7.3 Security

(a) If (i) with respect to Seller or Seller's credit support provider, [Seller's credit support provider], the Credit Rating of Seller or Seller's credit support provider is downgraded by Moody's and S&P, such that its Credit Rating is below an Investment Grade; or (ii) with respect to Buyer, its Shareholder Equity is at any time less than \$25,000,000 (each a "Downgrade Event"), then within three (3) Business Days after a request of the other Party, the downgraded Party shall deliver the applicable amount of performance assurance required pursuant to this Article 7 ("Performance Assurance") to the other Party ("Compliant Party").

(b) If Performance Assurance is required to be posted by a Party pursuant to the immediately preceding paragraph, the following Sections 7.3(b)(i) through 7.3(b)(iv) shall apply:

(i) The Compliant Party shall calculate its exposure under this Agreement as soon as practicable after the Downgrade Event, and on a monthly basis thereafter ("Performance Assurance Calculation Date").

(ii) All Performance Assurance shall be delivered in the form of: (i) U.S. Dollars delivered by wire transfer of immediately available funds ("Funds"); or (ii) a Letter of Credit from a Qualified Institution (as defined herein). For purposes of determining the amount of Performance Assurance held at any time, a Letter of Credit shall be valued at zero unless it expires more than thirty (30) days after the date of valuation. For purposes of this Agreement, the Parties acknowledge that any Performance Assurance provided by Buyer shall be in the form of Funds as defined in this Section 7.3. For purposes hereof, "Letter(s) of Credit" means one or more irrevocable, transferable standby letters of credit issued by a U.S. commercial bank or a U.S. branch of a foreign bank (which is not an affiliate of either Party) with such bank having a credit rating of at least A- from S&P and A3 from Moody's, having \$1,000,000,000 in assets (a "Qualified Institution"), and otherwise being in a form acceptable to the Party in whose favor the letter of credit is issued. Costs of a Letter of Credit shall be borne by the applicant for such Letter of Credit.

(iii) For purposes hereof, it shall be a Letter of Credit Default ("Letter of Credit Default") with respect to an outstanding Letter of Credit, upon the occurrence of any of the following events: (i) the bank issuing the Letter of Credit shall fail to maintain a credit rating of at least "A-" by S&P and "A3" by Moody's, (ii) the bank issuing the

Letter of Credit shall fail to comply with or perform its obligations under such Letter of Credit if such failure shall be continuing after the lapse of any applicable grace period; (iii) the bank issuing the Letter of Credit shall disaffirm, disclaim, repudiate or reject, in whole or in part, or challenge the validity of such Letter of Credit; (iv) such Letter of Credit shall fail or cease to be in full force and effect at any time during the term of any outstanding transaction; or (v) the pledgor or the bank issuing the Letter of Credit shall fail to cause the renewal or replacement of the Letter of Credit to the secured party at least thirty (30) Business Days prior to the expiration of such Letter of Credit; provided, however, that no Letter of Credit Default shall occur in any event with respect to a Letter of Credit after the time such Letter of Credit is required to be canceled or returned to the pledgor in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. If a Letter of Credit Default occurs, then the Party which applied for such Letter of Credit shall have five (5) Business Days to cure the event(s) causing the Letter of Credit Default or to replace the Letter of Credit with a substitute Letter of Credit or Funds. Any failure to cure the event(s) causing the Letter of Credit Default or to provide a substitute Letter of Credit or Funds within five (5) Business Days of the event(s) leading to the Letter of Credit Default shall be an Event of Default under Section 7.1(c)(iv).

The Compliant Party will be entitled to hold posted Performance (iv) Assurance, provided that the following conditions applicable to it are satisfied: (1) the Compliant Party is not a defaulting Party; (2) the Compliant Party or Seller has and maintains an Investment Grade Credit Rating or at least the minimum Shareholder Equity required in Section 7.3(a), as applicable; and (3) the posted Performance Assurance is held only in the United States. For funds held as Performance Assurance by the Compliant Party, the Interest Rate will be the Federal Funds Rate as from time to time in effect. "Federal Funds Rate" means, for the relevant determination date, the rate opposite the caption "Federal Funds (Effective)" as set forth in the weekly statistical release designated as H.15 (519), or any successor publication, published by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. Such interest shall be calculated commencing on the date Performance Assurance in the form of cash is received by a Party but excluding the earlier of: (i) the date Performance Assurance in the form of cash is returned to a Party; or (ii) the date Performance Assurance in the form of cash is applied to a pledgor's obligations pursuant to Section 7.3 with the net amount of interest accrued monthly being payable on the third Business Day of the following month. A Party holding Performance Assurance may apply such Performance Assurance, without prior notice to the other party, to satisfy the obligations of the other Party in accordance with Section 7.2. Each Party hereby covenants and agrees that it shall be entitled herein to hold posted Performance Assurance as custodian on its own behalf as a secured party if it meets the criteria set forth above in this Section 7.3. However, if the Party holding Performance Assurance is not eligible to hold posted Performance Assurance pursuant to this Section 7.3, then such Party shall be considered ineligible to hold posted Performance Assurance as a secured party and such posted Performance Assurance shall be maintained as follows: the ineligible secured party will cause all posted Performance Assurance received from the other Party to be segregated from the secured party's own property and identified clearly as Performance Assurance and to be held in an account in which no property of the secured party is held (a "Collateral Account") with a domestic office of a Qualified Institution, each of which accounts may include property of other parties which have delivered posted Performance Assurance to the secured party under

other agreements, but will bear a title indicating that the secured party's interest in said account is as a holder of collateral. Such accounts will bear interest at the rate offered by the Qualified Institution. In addition, the secured party may direct the pledgor to transfer or deliver eligible Performance Assurance directly into the secured party's Collateral Account. The secured party shall cause statements concerning the posted Performance Assurance transferred or delivered by the pledgor to be sent to the pledgor on request, which may not be made more frequently than once in each calendar month.

(c) Prior to the Commencement Date and at any time upon the request by Buyer of Seller or by Seller of Buyer, the Party to whom the request is made shall establish that it meets the Credit Requirements by providing (x) a certificate of one of its authorized officers, accompanied by supporting certified financial statements and (y) documentation of its Credit Rating or its Shareholder Equity, as applicable. Buyer and Seller shall inform the other Party within one (1) Business Day of any failure to satisfy the Credit Requirements, provided that, in no event, shall the failure of a Party to provide the notice required pursuant to this sentence constitute a default or an Event of Default pursuant to Section 7.1.

#### Section 7.4 Forward Contract

Each Party represents and warrants to the other that it is a "forward contract merchant" within the meaning of the United States Bankruptcy Code, that this Agreement is a "forward contract" within the meaning of the United States Bankruptcy Code, and that the remedies identified in this Agreement, including those specified in Section 7, shall be "contractual rights" as provided for in 11 U.S.C. § 556 as that provision may be amended from time to time.

#### ARTICLE 8. NOTICES, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PARTIES

#### Section 8.1 <u>Notices</u>

Any notice, demand, or request required or authorized by this Agreement to be given by one Party to another Party shall be in writing. It shall either be sent by facsimile (with receipt confirmed by telephone), courier, personally delivered (including overnight delivery service) or mailed, postage prepaid, to the representative of the other Party designated in accordance with this Article. Any such notice, demand, or request shall be deemed to be given (i) when sent by facsimile confirmed by telephone, (ii) when actually received if delivered by courier or personal delivery (including overnight delivery service) or (iii) seven (7) days after deposit in the United States mail, if sent by first class mail return receipt requested.

Notices and other communications by Seller to the Buyer shall be addressed to:

Mr. Robert S. Furino Vice President Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. 6 Liberty Lane West Hampton, NH 03842 (603) 773-6452 (phone) (603) 773-6652 (fax) Notices concerning Article 7 shall also be sent to:

Mr. David Chong Treasurer Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. 6 Liberty Lane West Hampton, NH 03842 (603) 773-6612 (phone) (603) 773-6812 (fax)

Notices and other communications by the Buyer to Seller shall be addressed to:



Any Party may change its representative or address for notices by written notice to the other Party; however such notice shall not be effective until it is received by the other Party.

Section 8.2 <u>Authority of Representative</u>

The Parties' representatives shall have full authority to act for their respective Party in all matters relating to the performance of this Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a Party's representative shall not have the authority to amend, modify, or waive any provision of this Agreement unless they are duly authorized officers of their respective entities and such amendment, modification or waiver is made in accordance to Article 17.

#### ARTICLE 9. LIABILITY; INDEMNIFICATION; RELATIONSHIP OF PARTIES

#### Section 9.1 Limitation on Consequential, Incidental and Indirect Damages

EXCEPT AS EXPRESSLY PROVIDED IN THIS AGREEMENT, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMISSIBLE BY LAW, NEITHER THE BUYER NOR SELLER, NOR THEIR RESPECTIVE OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, PARENT OR AFFILIATES, SUCCESSOR OR ASSIGNS, OR THEIR RESPECTIVE OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AGENTS, OR EMPLOYEES, SUCCESSORS, OR ASSIGNS, SHALL BE

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LIABLE TO THE OTHER PARTY OR ITS PARENT, SUBSIDIARIES, AFFILIATES, OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, SUCCESSORS OR ASSIGNS, FOR CLAIMS, SUITS, ACTIONS OR CAUSES OF ACTION FOR INCIDENTAL, INDIRECT, SPECIAL, PUNITIVE, MULTIPLE OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES (INCLUDING ATTORNEY'S FEES OR LITIGATION COSTS EXCEPT AS EXPRESSLY PROVIDED IN 15.2) CONNECTED WITH OR RESULTING FROM PERFORMANCE OR NON-PERFORMANCE OF THIS AGREEMENT, OR ANY ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN IN CONNECTION WITH OR RELATED TO THIS AGREEMENT, INCLUDING ANY SUCH DAMAGES WHICH ARE BASED UPON CAUSES OF ACTION FOR BREACH OF CONTRACT, TORT (INCLUDING NEGLIGENCE AND MISREPRESENTATION), BREACH OF WARRANTY, STRICT LIABILITY, STATUTE, OPERATION OF LAW, OR ANY OTHER THEORY OF RECOVERY. THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION SHALL REGARDLESS OF FAULT AND **SURVIVE** APPLY SHALL TERMINATION. SUSPENSION, COMPLETION OR CANCELLATION, **EXPIRATION** OF THIS AGREEMENT.

#### Section 9.2 Indemnification

(a) Seller agrees to defend, indemnify and save the Buyer, its officers, directors, employees, agents, successors assigns, and Affiliates and their officers, directors, employees and agents harmless from and against any and all third-party claims, suits, actions or causes of action and any resulting losses, damages, charges, costs or expenses, (including reasonable attorneys' fees and court costs), arising from or in connection with any (a) breach of a representation or warranty or failure to perform any covenant or agreement in this Agreement by Seller, (b) any violation of applicable law, regulation or order by Seller, (c) any act or omission by Seller with respect to this Agreement, first arising, occurring or existing during the term of this Agreement, whether incurred by settlement or otherwise, and whether such claims or actions are threatened or filed prior to or after the termination of this Agreement, except to the extent caused by an act of gross negligence or willful misconduct by an officer, director, agent, employee, or Affiliate of the Buyer or its respective successors or assigns.

(b) The Buyer agrees to defend, indemnify and save Seller, its officers, directors, employees, agents, successor, assigns, and Affiliates and their officers, directors, employees and agents harmless from and against any and all third-party claims, suits, actions or causes of action and any resulting losses, damages, charges, costs or expenses, (including reasonable attorneys' fees and court costs), arising from or in connection with any (a) breach of representation or warranty or failure to perform any covenant or agreement in this Agreement by said Buyer, (b) any violation of applicable law, regulation or order by said Buyer, (c) any act or omission by the Buyer, with respect to this Agreement first arising, occurring or existing during the term of this Agreement, whether incurred by settlement or otherwise, and whether such claims or actions are threatened or filed prior to or after the termination of this Agreement, except to the extent caused by an act of gross negligence or willful misconduct by an officer, director, agent, employee or Affiliate of Seller or its respective successors or assigns.

(c) If any Party intends to seek indemnification under this Section from the other Party with respect to any action or claim, the Party seeking indemnification shall give the other Party notice of such claim or action within thirty (30) days of the later of the commencement of, or actual knowledge of, such claim or action; provided, however, that in the event such notice is delivered

more than thirty (30) days after the Party seeking indemnification knows of such claim or action, the indemnifying Party shall be relieved of its indemnity hereunder only if and to the extent such indemnifying Party was actually prejudiced by the delay. The Party seeking indemnification shall have the right, at its sole cost and expense, to participate in the defense of any such claim or action. The Party seeking indemnification shall not compromise or settle any such claim or action without the prior consent of the other Party, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

#### Section 9.3 Independent Contractor Status

Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as creating any relationship between the Buyer and Seller other than that of independent contractors for the sale and delivery of Requirements for Default Service.

#### ARTICLE 10. ASSIGNMENT

#### Section 10.1 <u>General Prohibition Against Assignments</u>

Except as provided in Section 10.2, neither Party shall assign, pledge or otherwise transfer this Agreement or any right or obligation under this Agreement without first obtaining the other Party's written consent, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

#### Section 10.2 Exceptions to Prohibition Against Assignments

(a) Seller may, without the Buyer's prior written consent, collaterally assign this Agreement in connection with financing arrangements provided that any such collateral assignment that provides for the Buyer to direct payments to the collateral agent (i) shall be in writing, (ii) shall not be altered or amended without prior written notice to the Buyer from both Seller and the collateral agent, and (iii) provided that any payment made by the Buyer to the collateral agent shall discharge the Buyer's obligation as fully and to the same extent as if it had been made to the Seller. Seller must provide the Buyer at least ten (10) days advance written notice of collateral assignment and provide copies of any such assignment and relevant agreements or writings.

(b) The Buyer may assign all or a portion of its rights and obligations under this Agreement to any Affiliate of the Buyer without consent of Seller.

(c) Either Party may, upon written notice to the other Party, assign its rights and obligations hereunder, or transfer such rights and obligations by operation of law, to any entity with which or into which such Party shall merge or consolidate or to which such Party shall transfer all or substantially all of its assets, provided that such other entity agrees to assume the rights and obligations hereunder and be bound by the terms hereof and provided further, that such other entity's creditworthiness is equal to or higher than that of the assignor, in which case the assignor shall be relieved of any obligation or liability hereunder as a result of such assignment.

#### ARTICLE 11. SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS

This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and shall be binding upon the Parties hereto and their respective successors and permitted assigns.

#### ARTICLE 12. FORCE MAJEURE

(a) Force Majeure shall include but not be limited to acts of God, earthquakes, fires, floods, storms, strikes, labor disputes, riots, insurrections, acts of war (whether declared or otherwise), acts of governmental, regulatory or judicial bodies, but if and only to the extent that such event or circumstance (i) directly affects the availability of the transmission or distribution facilities of NEPOOL, the Buyer or an Affiliate of the Buyer necessary to provide service to the Buyer's customers which are taking service pursuant to the Retail Delivery Tariff and (ii) it is not within the reasonable control of, or the result of the negligence of, the claiming Party, and which, by the exercise of due diligence, the claiming Party is unable to overcome or avoid or cause to be avoided. Force Majeure shall not be based on (A) fluctuations in Default Service, (B) the cost to a Party to overcome or avoid, or cause to be avoided, the event or circumstance affecting such Party's performance or (C) events affecting the availability or cost of operating any generating facility.

(b) To the extent that either Party is prevented by Force Majeure from carrying out, in whole or in part, its obligations hereunder and (i) such Party gives notice and detail of the Force Majeure to the other Party as soon as practicable after the onset of the Force Majeure, including an estimate of its expected duration and the probable impact on the performance of its obligations hereunder; (ii) the suspension of performance is of no greater scope and of no longer duration than is required by the Force Majeure, and (iii) the Party claiming Force Majeure uses commercially reasonable efforts to remedy or remove the inability to perform caused by Force Majeure, then the affected Party shall be excused from the performance of its obligations prevented by Force Majeure. However, neither Party shall be required to pay for any obligation the performance of which is excused by Force Majeure. This paragraph shall not require the settlement of any strike, walkout, lockout or other labor dispute on terms which, in the sole judgment of the Party involved in the dispute are contrary to its interest. It is understood and agreed that the settlement of strikes, walkouts, lockouts or other labor disputes shall be entirely within the discretion of the Party involved in the dispute.

(c) No obligations of either Party which arose before the Force Majeure occurrence causing the suspension of performance shall be excused as a result of the Force Majeure.

(d) Prior to the resumption of performance suspended as a result of a Force Majeure occurrence, the Party claiming the Force Majeure shall give the other Party written notice of such resumption.

#### ARTICLE 13. WAIVERS

No delay or omission in the exercise of any right under this Agreement shall impair any such right or shall be taken, construed or considered as a waiver or relinquishment thereof, but any such right may be exercised from time to time and as often as may be deemed expedient. The waiver of any single breach or default of any term or condition of this Agreement shall not be deemed to constitute the waiver of any other prior or subsequent breach or default of the Agreement or any other term or condition.

#### ARTICLE 14. LAWS AND REGULATIONS

(a) This Agreement and all rights, obligations, and performances of the Parties hereunder, are subject to all applicable federal and state laws, and to all duly promulgated orders and other duly authorized action of governmental authorities having jurisdiction hereof.

(b) The rates, terms and conditions contained in this Agreement are not subject to change under Section 205 of the Federal Power Act as that section may be amended or superseded, absent the mutual written agreement of the Parties. Each Party irrevocably waives its rights, including its rights under §§ 205-206 of the Federal Power Act, unilaterally to seek or support a change in the rate(s), charges, classifications, terms or conditions of this Agreement or any other agreements entered into in connection with this Agreement. By this provision, each Party expressly waives its right to seek or support: (i) an order from FERC finding that the marketbased rate(s), charges, classifications, terms or conditions agreed to by the Parties in the Agreement are unjust and unreasonable; or (ii) any refund with respect thereto. Each Party agrees not to make or support such a filing or request, and that these covenants and waivers shall be binding notwithstanding any regulatory or market changes that may occur hereafter.

(c) Absent the agreement of all Parties to a proposed change, the standard of review for changes to this Agreement proposed by a non-party or the Commission acting sua sponte shall be the "public interest" standard of review set forth in United Gas Pipe Line Co. v. Mobile Gas Service Corp., 350 U.S. 332 (1956) and Federal Power Commission v. Sierra Pacific Power Co., 350 U.S. 348 (1956) (the "Mobile-Sierra" doctrine).

#### ARTICLE 15. INTERPRETATION, DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Section 15.1 <u>Governing Law</u>

The Agreement shall be governed by and construed and performed in accordance with the laws of the State of New Hampshire, without giving effect to its conflict of laws principles.

Section 15.2 Dispute Resolution

All disputes between the Buyer and Seller under this Agreement shall be referred, upon notice by one Party to the other Party, to a senior manager of Seller designated by Seller, and a senior manager of the Buyer designated by the Buyer, for resolution on an informal basis as promptly as practicable. In the event the designated senior managers are unable to resolve the dispute within ten (10) days of receipt of the notice, or such other period to which the Parties may jointly agree, such dispute shall be submitted to arbitration and resolved in accordance with the

arbitration procedure set forth in this Section. The arbitration shall be conducted in Concord, New Hampshire before a single neutral arbitrator mutually agreed to and appointed by the Parties. If the Parties fail to agree upon a single arbitrator within ten (10) days of the referral of the dispute to arbitration, Seller and the Buyer shall each choose one arbitrator, who shall sit on a three-member arbitration panel. The two arbitrators so chosen shall within ten (10) days select a third arbitrator to act as chairman of the arbitration panel. In either case, the arbitrator(s) shall be knowledgeable in electric utility matters, including wholesale power transactions and power market issues, and shall not have any current or past material business or financial relationships with either Party or a witness for either Party and shall not have a direct or indirect interest in any Party or the subject matter of the arbitration. The arbitrator(s) shall afford each of the Parties an opportunity to be heard and, except as otherwise provided herein, shall generally conduct the arbitration in accordance with the then-current arbitration rules of the CPR Institute for Dispute Resolution (formerly known as the Center for Public Resources), unless otherwise mutually agreed by the Parties. There shall be no formal discovery conducted in connection with the arbitration unless otherwise mutually agreed by the Parties; provided, however, that the Parties shall exchange witness lists and copies of any exhibits that they intend to utilize in their direct presentations at any hearing before the arbitrator(s) at least ten (10) days prior to such hearing, along with any other information or documents specifically requested by the arbitrator(s) prior to the hearing. Any offer made and the details of any negotiations to resolve the dispute shall not be admissible in the arbitration or otherwise. Unless otherwise agreed, the arbitrator(s) shall render a decision within ninety (90) days of his, her or their appointment and shall notify the Parties in writing of such decision and the reasons therefore, and shall make an award apportioning the payment of the costs and expenses of arbitration among the Parties; provided, however, that each Party shall bear the costs and expenses of its own attorneys, expert witnesses and consultants unless the arbitrator(s), based upon a determination of good cause, awards attorneys fees and legal and other costs to the prevailing Party. The arbitrator(s) shall be authorized only to interpret and apply the provisions of this Agreement and shall have no power to modify or change the Agreement in any manner. The decision of the arbitrator(s) shall be final and binding upon the Parties, and judgment on the award may be entered in any court having jurisdiction, subject expressly to Section 15.3. The decision of the arbitrator(s) may be appealed solely on the grounds that the conduct of the arbitrator(s), or the decision itself, violated the standards set forth in the Federal Arbitration Act and/or the Administrative Dispute Resolution Act. Nothing in this paragraph shall impair the ability of a Party to exercise any right or remedy it has under this Agreement, including those in Article 7.

#### Section 15.3 Venue; Waiver of Jury Trial

Each Party hereto irrevocably (i) submits to the exclusive jurisdiction of the federal and state courts located in the State of New Hampshire; (ii) waives any objection which it may have to the laying of venue of any proceedings brought in any such court; and (iii) waives any claim that such proceedings have been brought in an inconvenient forum. EACH PARTY WAIVES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, ANY RIGHT IT MAY HAVE TO A TRIAL BY JURY IN RESPECT OF ANY SUIT, ACTION OR PROCEEDING RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT.

#### ARTICLE 16. SEVERABILITY

Any provision declared or rendered unlawful by any applicable court of law or regulatory agency or deemed unlawful because of a statutory change will not otherwise affect the remaining provisions and lawful obligations that arise under this Agreement. If any provision of this Agreement, or the application thereof to any Party or any circumstance, is invalid or unenforceable, (a) a suitable and equitable provision shall be substituted therefor in order to carry out, so far as may be valid and enforceable, the intent and purpose of such invalid or unenforceable provision, and (b) the remainder of this Agreement and the application of such provision or circumstances shall not be affected by such invalidity or unenforceability.

#### ARTICLE 17. MODIFICATIONS

No modification or amendment of this Agreement will be binding on any Party unless it is in writing and signed by both Parties.

#### ARTICLE 18. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This Agreement, including the Appendices, the tariffs and agreements referred to herein or therein, embody the entire agreement and understanding of the Parties in respect of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement. There are no restrictions, promises, representations, warranties, covenants or undertakings, other than those expressly set forth or referred to herein or therein. It is expressly acknowledged and agreed that there are no restrictions, promises, representations, warranties, covenants or undertakings contained in any material provided or otherwise made available by the Seller or the Buyer to each other. This Agreement supersedes all prior agreements and understandings between the Parties with respect to the transactions contemplated hereby.

#### ARTICLE 19. COUNTERPARTS

This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, and each executed counterpart shall have the same force and effect as an original instrument.

#### ARTICLE 20. INTERPRETATION; CONSTRUCTION

The article and section headings contained in this Agreement are solely for the purpose of reference, are not part of the agreement of the Parties and shall not in any way affect the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement. For purposes of this Agreement, the term "including" shall mean "including, without limitation". The Parties acknowledge that, each Party and its counsel have reviewed and or revised this Agreement and that any rule of construction to the effect that any ambiguities are to be resolved against the drafting Party shall not be employed in the interpretation of this Agreement, and it is the result of joint discussion and negotiation.

#### ARTICLE 21. REPRESENTATIONS; WARRANTIES AND COVENANTS

Each Party represents to the other Party, upon execution and continuing throughout the term of this Agreement, as follows:

(a) It is duly organized in the form of business entity set forth in the first paragraph of this Agreement, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of its state of its organization and has all requisite power and authority to carry on its business as is now being conducted, including all regulatory authorizations as necessary for it to legally perform its obligations hereunder.

(b) It has full power and authority to execute and deliver this Agreement and to consummate and perform the transactions contemplated hereby. This Agreement has been duly and validly executed and delivered by it, and, assuming that this Agreement constitutes a valid and binding agreement of the other Party, constitutes its valid and binding agreement, enforceable against it in accordance with its terms, subject to bankruptcy, insolvency, fraudulent transfer, reorganization, moratorium and similar laws of general applicability relating to or affecting creditors' rights and to general equity principles.

(c) Such execution, delivery and performance do not violate or conflict with any law applicable to it, any provision of its constitutional documents, or the terms of any note, bond, mortgage, indenture, deed of trust, license, franchise, permit, concession, contract, lease or other instrument to which it is bound, any order or judgment of any court or other agency of government applicable to it or any of its assets or any contractual restriction binding on or affecting it or any of its assets.

(d) No declaration, filing with, notice to, or authorization, permit, consent or approval of any governmental authority is required for the execution and delivery of this Agreement by it or the performance by it of its obligations hereunder, other than such declarations, filings, registrations, notices, authorizations, permits, consents or approvals which, if not obtained or made, will not, in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect.

(e) Neither the execution and delivery of this Agreement by it will nor the performance by it of its obligations under this Agreement will or does (i) conflict with or result in any breach of any provision of its Governing Documents, (ii) result in a default (or give rise to any right of termination, cancellation or acceleration) under any of the terms, conditions or provisions of any note, bond, mortgage, indenture, license, agreement or other instrument or obligation to which it or any of its subsidiaries is a party or by which it or any of its subsidiaries is bound, except for such defaults (or rights of termination, cancellation or acceleration) as to which requisite waivers or consents have been obtained or which, in the aggregate, would not have a Material Adverse Effect; or (iii) violate any order, writ, injunction, decree, statute, rule or regulation applicable to it, which violation would have a Material Adverse Effect.

(f) There are no claims, actions, proceedings or investigations pending or, to its knowledge, threatened against or relating to it before any governmental authority acting in an adjudicative capacity relating to the transactions contemplated hereby that could have a Material Adverse Effect. It is not subject to any outstanding judgment, rule, order, writ, injunction or decree of any court or governmental authority which, individually or in the aggregate, would create a Material Adverse Effect.

(g) There are no bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, receivership or other similar proceedings pending or being contemplated by it, or of its knowledge threatened against it.

(h) It is a signatory to the Market Participant Service Agreement and is in compliance with all ISO Rules, including the ISO Financial Assurance Policy.

(i) It is acting for its own account, has made its own independent decision to enter into this Agreement and as to whether this Agreement is appropriate or proper for it based upon its own judgment, is not relying upon the advice or recommendations of the other Party hereto, and is capable of assessing the merits of and understanding, and understands and accepts, the terms, conditions and risks of this Agreement.

#### ARTICLE 22. CONSENTS AND APPROVALS

The Parties shall cooperate so that each Party may take such actions as necessary and required for the other Party to effectuate and comply with this Agreement including to (i) promptly prepare and file all necessary documentation, (ii) effect all necessary applications, notices, petitions and filings and execute all agreements and documents, and (iii) use all commercially reasonable efforts to obtain all necessary consents, approvals and authorizations of all other entities, in the case of each of the foregoing clauses (i), (ii) and (iii), necessary or advisable to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement. The Buyer shall have the right to review and approve in advance all characterizations of the information relating to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement which appear in any filing, press release or public announcement made in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby.

#### ARTICLE 23. CONFIDENTIALITY

Seller acknowledges that Seller's identity will be publicly disclosed in the NHPUC order approving or denying the Buyer's inclusion in retail rates of the amounts payable by Buyer to Seller under this Agreement as described in Section 3.8. Neither Seller nor the Buyer shall provide copies of this Agreement or disclose the contents thereof (the "Confidential Terms") to any third party without the prior written consent of the other Party; provided, however, that either Party may provide a copy of the Confidential Terms, in whole or in part to (1) any regulatory agency requesting and/or requiring such Confidential Terms, provided that any such disclosure must include a request for confidential treatment of the Confidential Terms, and (2) an Affiliate if related to the Party's performance of its obligations hereunder, provided that such Affiliate agrees to treat the Confidential Terms as confidential in accordance with this clause.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have caused their duly authorized representatives to execute this Agreement on their behalf as of the date first above written.

#### UNITIL ENERGY SYSTEMS, INC.

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

Robert S. Furino Vice President

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **APPENDIX A**

Service Requirements Matrix

By Service Requirement, Load Asset Name and ID, Load Responsibility,

and Applicable Period

#### [List All Active Transactions]

#### For service pursuant to Buyer's RFP issued on August 29, 2017

Service Requirement	Load Asset Name and ID	Load Responsibility	Schedule 1	Schedule 2
UES Small Default Load	Small Customer Group, 11451	100%	December 1, 2017	May 31, 2018
UES Medium Default Load	Medium Customer Group, 11452	<del>100%</del>	December 1, 2017	<del>May 31, 2018</del>
UES Large Customer Group	UES Large Default Load, 10019	<del>100%</del>	December 1, 2017	<del>May 31, 2018</del>

#### **APPENDIX B**

Monthly Contract Rate by Service Requirement Dollars per MWh

#### For service pursuant to Buyer's RFP issued on August 29, 2017

Service Requirement	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18
100% UES Small Customer Group (6 months)						

Service Requirement	Dec-17	<del>Jan-18</del>	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18
100% UES Medium Customer Group (6 months)						

<i>The following are Fixed Monthly Adders.</i> <i>Please refer to Section 5.1 for calculation of Contract Rate</i>						
Service Requirement	<del>Dec-17</del>	<del>Jan-18</del>	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18
100%-UES Large Customer Group (6-months)						

#### **APPENDIX C**

# POINTS OF INTERCONNECTION, REFERRED TO AS DELIVERY POINT

Points of Interconnection	<u>Nominal Delivery</u> <u>Voltage</u>	Metering Point	<u>Nominal</u> Metering Voltage
Garvins	3φ, 4 wire, 19.9/34.5 kV	At Delivery Point	3φ, 4 wire, 19.9/34.5 kV
Concord Steam	3ø, 4 wire, 7.9/13.8 kV	At Connection Point	3ø, 4 wire, 7.9/13.8 kV
New Hampshire Hydro			
Lower Penacook Falls (1)	3φ, 4 wire, 19.9/34.5 kV	At Connection Point	3¢, 4 wire, 19.9/34.5 kV
Upper Penacook Falls (1)	3ø, 4 wire, 19.9/34.5 kV	At Connection Point	3φ, 4 wire, 19.9/34.5 kV
Briar Hydro (1)	3ø, 4 wire, 19.9/34.5 kV	At Connection Point	3φ, 4 wire, 19.9/34.5 kV
SES Concord Company L.P. (1)	3ø, 4 wire, 19.9/34.5 kV	At Connection Point	3ø, 4 wire, 19.9/34.5 kV
Hollis (Plains)	3ø, 4 wire, 19.9/34.5 kV	At Delivery Point	3ø, 4 wire, 19.9/34.5 kV
Penacook	3ø, 4 wire, 19.9/34.5 kV	At Delivery Point	3φ, 4 wire, 19.9/34.5 kV
Danville	3ø, 4 wire, 19.9/34.5 kV	At Delivery Point	3φ, 4 wire, 19.9/34.5 kV
Guinea Road	3φ, 4 wire, 19.9/34.5 kV	At Delivery Point	3ø, 4 wire, 19.9/34.5 kV
Kingston	3ø, 4 wire, 19.9/34.5 kV	At Delivery Point	3ø, 4 wire, 19.9/34.5 kV
Timber Swamp	3φ, 4 wire, 19.9/34.5 kV	At Delivery Point	3φ, 4 wire, 19.9/34.5 kV
Great Bay	3ø, 4 wire, 19.9/34.5 kV	At Delivery Point	3ø, 4 wire, 19.9/34.5 kV

(1) Small power producer purchase delivery points.

#### AMENDMENT No. [X]

OF

#### **POWER SALES AGREEMENT**

This Amendment No. [X] ("Amendment No. [X]"), dated and effective as of September 27, 2017 (the "Effective Date"), amends the Power Sales Agreement, dated [DATE] (the "Agreement") between UNITIL ENERGY SYSTEMS, INC. ("Buyer") and [COMPANY\_NAME] ("Seller")

(collectively, the "Parties").

Notwithstanding Article 21(d) of the Agreement or anything else to the contrary in either this Amendment No. [X] or the Agreement, the Parties' obligations under this Amendment No. [X] are subject to Buyer obtaining approval from the NHPUC of the inclusion in retail rates of the amounts payable by Buyer to Seller under this Amendment No. [X], without material modification to the obligations of either Party under this Amendment No. [X]. Buyer shall use its best efforts to obtain prompt approval of such rates. If Buyer is unable to obtain NHPUC approval by **October 613, 2017**, Buyer and Seller agree to review the status of such approval process and determine whether to continue to pursue the transaction contemplated in this Amendment No. [X]. If the Parties cannot agree as to how to continue such transaction, this Amendment No. [X] shall terminate and be null and void without liability to either Party.

Buyer shall bear the cost of the NHPUC filing described above except for any costs associated with Seller's intervention. Buyer shall request that the NHPUC give confidential treatment to the terms of this Amendment No. [X], which is the result of a competitive solicitation held by Buyer.

The Parties hereby agree to further amend the Agreement as follows:

- 1. Appendix A is amended as attached hereto. The amendment adds a new section reflecting the results of the RFP issued by Buyer on August 29, 2017.
- 2. Appendix B is amended as attached hereto. The amendment adds pricing associated with the results of the RFP issued by Buyer on August 29, 2017.
- 3. Appendix B indicates that the prices listed for the Large Customer Group are Fixed Monthly Adders, therefore the Contract Rate will be calculated as the sum of the Average Weighted RT LMP and the Fixed Monthly Adder as shown in Equation 1. The Average Weighted RT LMP is calculated in accordance with Equation 2.

#### **Equation 1**

Contract Rate = Average Weighted RT LMP + Fixed Monthly Adder

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The Average Weighted RT LMP shall be calculated using the MWH of Delivered Energy reported for the Large Customer Group default service load asset, Load Asset number 10019, and the hourly real time locational marginal prices ("RT LMP") for the settlement location of Load Asset 10019, which is currently the New Hampshire Load Zone (4002). The Average Weighted RT LMP equals the sum of the products of the RT LMP and the Delivered Energy (MWH) of Load Asset 10019 in each hour of the month of service, divided by the sum of Delivered Energy (MWH) of Load Asset 10019 for the month of service, as shown in Equation 2.

#### **Equation 2**

Average Weighted RT LMP =  $\frac{Sum [hourly RT LMP * hourly Delivered Energy (MWH) of Load Asset 10}{Sum [hourly Delivered Energy (MWH) of Load Asset 10019]}$ 

The Large Customer Group prices listed in Appendix B are Fixed Monthly Adders requiring the Contract Rate to be calculated as described in Equation 1 and Equation 2, and the Contract Rate will be determined and affirmed by both Buyer and Seller by the third business day following the month of service. Once agreed upon, the Contract Rate for the month of service shall be final and shall not be subject to change in the event that either the New Hampshire RT LMP or the Delivered Energy (MWH) of Load Asset 10019 are subsequently revised or restated.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have caused their duly authorized representatives to execute and deliver this Amendment No. [X] to the Agreement effective as of the Effective Date.

#### Unitil Energy Systems, Inc.

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

Robert S. Furino Vice President

#### [Seller]

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

Its\_\_\_\_\_

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#### **APPENDIX A**

Service Requirements Matrix

By Service Requirement, Load Asset Name and ID, Load Responsibility,

and Applicable Period

#### [List All Active Transactions]

#### For service pursuant to Buyer's RFP issued on August 29, 2017

Service Requirement	Load Asset Name and ID	Load Responsibility	Schedule 1	Schedule 2
<del>UES Small</del> <del>Default Load</del>	Small Customer Group, 11451	<del>100%</del>	December 1, 2017	<del>May 31, 2018</del>
UES Medium Default Load	Customer Group 100%		December 1, 2017	May 31, 2018
UES Large Customer Group	UES Large Default Load, 10019	100%	December 1, 2017	May 31, 2018

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#### **APPENDIX B**

Monthly Contract Rate by Service Requirement Dollars per MWh

[List All Active Transactions]

For service pursuant to Buyer's RFP issued on August 29, 2017

Service Requirement	Dec-17	<del>Jan-18</del>	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	<del>May-18</del>
100%-UES Small Customer Group (6 months)						

Service Requirement	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	
100% UES Medium Customer Group (6 months)							

The following are Fixed Monthly Adders. Please refer to Section 5.1 for calculation of Contract Rate						
Service Requirement	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18
100% UES Large Customer Group (6 months)						

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Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. ("UES")

# Default Service Request for Proposals

### **UES Service Requirements**

Small Customers (100%): December 1, 2017 – May 31, 2018

Medium Customers (100%): December 1, 2017 – May 31, 2018

Large Customers (100%): December 1, 2017 – May 31, 2018

Issue Date: August 29, 2017

# Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. ("UES")

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### Request for Proposals To Provide Default Service Supply To All Customers of Unitil Energy Systems, Inc

#### I. <u>Introduction</u>

Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. ("UES") is a local electric distribution company located in New Hampshire. New Hampshire Legislation, RSA 374-F et seq., and the Settlement Agreement for Restructuring the Unitil Companies<sup>1</sup> ("Settlement Agreement") provided retail access for all of UES' retail customers beginning on May 1, 2003.

On September 9, 2005, the NHPUC approved UES' plan for procurement of default service supply, including the solicitation process, for the period beginning May 1, 2006<sup>2</sup>. Subsequently, on July 31, 2012, the NHPUC approved modifications to the timing and structure of UES' default service procurement plan, for the period beginning November 1, 2012<sup>3</sup>. Pursuant to these Orders, UES procures the power supply required to meet its default service obligations for three customer groups comprised of small, medium and large customers through full requirements contracts for 100% of the service requirements for six month contract periods.

Via this request for proposals ("RFP"), UES seeks competing fixed monthly price offers for 100% of the load requirements of its small and medium customer groups for the six month period beginning December 1, 2017. UES also seeks variable monthly price offers, as defined herein, for 100% of the load requirements of its large customer group for the six month period beginning December 1, 2017. Variable monthly prices are comprised of a pass-through of energy costs at the real-time locational marginal price ("LMP") plus fixed monthly adders, which respondents are asked to bid during the RFP process. The fixed adders are intended to cover all non-energy costs, including capacity, ancillary services, and administration charges. Please see the Proposed Pricing portion of Section V for more information.

This RFP provides background information and historical data, details the service requirements and commercial terms, and elaborates on the procedures to be employed by UES to select the winning suppliers. The complete RFP is available as a single ZIP file ("UES\_DS\_RFP\_Package\_2017-08.zip"). In addition, the RFP and its appendices, including the submission form, proposed contract, non-disclosure agreement, as well as the pricing bid sheets have been included as separate, editable electronic files. A number of electronic data files have also been included in Microsoft Excel format. The contents of each file are described in this document. Please contact Lisa Glover at (603) 773-6444 or at glover@unitil.com with any questions regarding these materials.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See Docket DE 01-247.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See Docket DE 05-064.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See Docket DE 12-003.

#### II. <u>Description of Default Service</u>

UES is soliciting load-following power supply offers to meet the needs of its customers who take service under its default service tariff for the periods listed in the table in the Supply Obligation Period portion of Section IV. Default service is the only utilityprovided supply service and will be available to all UES customers not receiving supply service from a competitive supplier at any time for any reason.

For the purpose of default service procurement, the specified customer groups shall consist of the various rate classes listed in the table below. The default service loads associated with these customer groups are modeled in the ISO Settlement System using the load asset numbers listed in the table. Bidding power suppliers ("Respondents") may submit bids to provide service to any or all customer groups for which a contract is sought via this RFP. Bids to supply each customer group will be evaluated and awarded separately.

Load Asset Description	Customer Rate Classes	Load Asset #
UES Small Default Load	D	11451
UES Medium Default Load	G2, OL	11452
UES Large Default Load	G1	10019

The amount of default service to be supplied by the winning bidder(s) will be determined in accordance with the retail load associated with those customers who rely on default service. UES cannot predict the number of customers that will rely on default service, how much load will be represented by these customers, or how long they will continue to take default service. UES expressly reserves the right to encourage customers to choose their own supplier from the competitive marketplace instead of taking default service.

#### Data Provided

To assist respondents in determining the potential load requirements, a variety of data has been provided with this RFP. The provided data includes the following:

<u>Historical Hourly Loads and Capacity Tag Values</u> are provided for the default service loads by customer group and in aggregate for competitive generation service loads. The hourly loads are measured at the PTF level and are provided for the period of January 1, 2009 through July 31, 2017. The capacity tag values are the daily sum of the capacity tags for all customers assigned to the supply service being reported. Please see the file named "UES\_Historic\_Hourly\_Loads\_Cap\_Tags\_2017-08.xls."

<u>Historic Retail Monthly Sales Report</u> provides monthly sales data from May 2003 through June 2017 have been compiled and provided. The retail sales report documents retail sales and customer counts by customer rate class and supply type: default service or competitive generation. Please see the file named "UES\_Retail\_Sales\_Report\_2017-08.xls."

<u>Class Average Load Shapes</u> (8760 hours), as measured at the customer meter level, are available. Please see the file named "UES\_Profiles\_2017-08.xls."

<u>Distribution System Loss Factor</u> for each rate class is shown in the following table. The distribution loss factors enable one to estimate the retail usage at the customer meter associated with a given quantity of wholesale supply, or to convert the class average load shapes to wholesale values. Please note that the supplies sought via this RFP will be wholesale supplies measured at the PTF level.

Customer Group	Rate Class	<b>Distribution Loss Factor</b>
Small Customers	D (Domestic)	6.468%
Medium Customers	G2 (Regular General)	6.392%
Medium Customers	OL (Outdoor Lighting)	6.468%
Large Customers	G1 (Large General)	4.591%

<u>Evaluation Loads</u> that UES will use to calculate weighted average prices of bids received from respondents for the purpose of comparing competing bids on the basis of price are provided. These estimated loads may be instructive to respondents, but should in no way be construed to represent any contract quantity or billing determinant or to create any obligation to any party. Evaluation Loads are included on the bid sheets. Please see the file named "UES\_Bid\_Form\_2017-08.xls."

#### III. General Provisions

#### Terms and Conditions

For the small and medium customer group default service loads that respondents choose to bid, respondents must offer fixed monthly prices, and for the large customer default service load respondents must offer variable prices in the form of fixed monthly adders to the NH load zone RT LMP for the entire supply periods listed in the table in the Supply Obligation Period portion of Section IV, and shown on the bid sheets. Pricing requirements are further detailed in the Proposed Pricing portion of Section V.

#### Power Supply Contract

Along with this RFP, UES has provided a proposed Power Sales Agreement ("PSA") which details the contractual terms and conditions under which default service as sought herein will be provided. Respondents who have not previously signed a PSA, or who do not wish to amend a prior PSA, must execute the PSA in Appendix B ("App\_B\_UES\_Power\_Sales\_Agreement\_2017-08.doc").

Respondents who have previously executed a PSA with UES for the provision of Default Service supply may amend their existing PSA with UES in order to implement the proposed transaction. UES has provided a proposed PSA Amendment in Appendix B1 ("App\_B1\_UES\_PSA\_Amendment\_2017-08.doc").

Bidders may propose contract language modifications. UES will consider proposed contract language modifications to the extent the language clarifies each party's obligations associated with the transactions sought under this solicitation process, and to the extent that any modified contract represents the best non-price terms each party is willing to offer UES.

The obligations of UES and the winning bidder(s) are subject to and conditioned upon NHPUC approval of the solicitation results and the inclusion in retail rates of the costs derived from the transactions sought in this solicitation. UES will use its best efforts to obtain NHPUC's approval, which is expected five (5) business days after filing. Please see schedule below. Winning suppliers should expect their identity to be announced by the NHPUC in its order on the results of the RFP.

#### Proposal Process and Submission Dates

The following table outlines key dates associated with this procurement process. All times are in Eastern Prevailing Time (EPT).

Process Step	Date	
Issue Default Service RFP	Tuesday, August 29, 2017	
Non-Disclosure Agreement Due	Tuesday, September 5, 2017, 3:00 p.m.	
Proposal Forms & Indicative Pricing Due (including proposed contract changes)	Thursday, September 14, 2017	
Final Pricing Due	Tuesday, September 26, 2017, 10:00 a.m.	
Winning Supplier Notified	Tuesday, September 26, 2017, 1:00 p.m.	
Contracts Executed	Wednesday, September 27, 2017	
File for Approval of Rates	Friday, September 29, 2017	
Anticipated Approval of Rates	Friday, October 6, 2017	
UES DS Service Commences	Friday, December 1, 2017	

Respondents to this RFP for Default Service must submit a completed Proposal Submission Form, including any proposed contract modifications, a non-disclosure agreement, indicative pricing and then final pricing according to the schedule shown above. All submissions should be marked "UES Default Service RFP" and sent via e-mail to Jeff Pentz at <u>pentzj@unitil.com</u> and to energy\_contracts@unitil.com.

Please direct any questions to Jeff Pentz at (603) 773-6473or to pentzj@unitil.com.

<u>Non-Disclosure Agreement ("NDA"</u>) must be completed in order for UES to provide its financial information to bidders as well as to protect the confidentiality of bid information. Respondents who have previously signed an NDA with UES for the provision of Default Service supply do not need to execute a new NDA. Respondents who have not previously signed an NDA with UES must execute the NDA in Appendix C ("App\_C\_UES\_NDA\_2017\_08.doc"). A partially executed NDA or redline version with proposed changes is due by **3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 5, 2017**.

<u>Proposal Submission Form</u> must be completed and is attached as Appendix A. Please see the file named "App\_A\_UES\_Submission\_Form\_2017-08.doc." Submission Forms are due on **Thursday, September 14, 2017**.

<u>Indicative Pricing</u> is due along with the Proposal Submission Form. Indicative pricing should be submitted on the "Indicative" sheet of the Bid Form ("UES\_Bid\_Form\_2017-08.xls"). Pricing must meet the requirements described in the Proposed Pricing portion of Section V. Indicative pricing is due by **5:00 p.m. EPT on September 14, 2017.** 

<u>Proposed contract modifications</u>, on either the full Power Supply Agreement or on the PSA Amendment, are also due along with the Proposal Submission Form on **September 14, 2017**. If respondents propose any changes to the Power Supply Agreement or the Amendment, respondents must provide an electronic copy of the Power Supply Agreement or the Amendment that is marked to show proposed language in a reviewable format. UES will consider the contractual terms and conditions accepted by each bidder as part of its evaluation criteria, as described in Section VI. When final bid prices are received and confirmed, UES intends to conduct its evaluation and select winning bidder(s) within a few hours. For these reasons, it is to each bidder's advantage to resolve contractual issues prior to final bidding.

<u>Final Pricing</u> should be submitted on the "Final" sheet of the Bid Form ("UES\_Bid\_Form\_2017-08.xls"). Respondent's name must be clearly marked. Final pricing is due by **10:00 a.m. EPT on Tuesday, September 26, 2017**.

<u>Winner Notified</u>. UES intends to confirm final pricing, evaluate competing bids as described in Section VI, Evaluation Criteria, and select and notify the winning bidder(s) by **1:00 p.m. EPT on Tuesday, September 26, 2017**. Other bidders will be notified they were not selected by close of business.

UES, at its sole discretion, reserves the right to issue additional instructions or requests for additional information, to extend the due date, to modify any provision in this RFP or any appendix hereto or to withdraw this RFP.

Contact Person and Questions

Questions regarding this RFP should be submitted to Jeff Pentz at (603) 773-6473 or pentzj@unitil.com.

#### Right to Select Supplier

UES shall have the exclusive right to select or reject any and/or all of the proposals submitted at any time, for any reason and to disregard any submission not prepared according to the requirements contained in this RFP.

#### Customer Billing and Customer Service

The default service power supplies procured under this RFP will be wholesale supplies. As such, the winning supplier will have no retail customer contact in any form. All customers taking default service will be retail customers of UES. As the retail provider of such service, UES will provide billing and customer service to customers receiving default service. In addition, UES will assume responsibility for the ultimate collection of moneys owed by customers in accordance with rules and regulations approved by the NHPUC.

#### **IV.** Service Features

#### Supply Obligation Period

The supply obligation period for each supply contract will commence at 0001 hours on the dates listed under "Period Begins" in the following table and will terminate at 2400 hours on the dates listed under "Period Ends" in the following table.

Customer Group	Requirements	Period Begins	Period Ends
UES Small Default Load	100%	December 1, 2017	May 31, 2018
UES Medium Default Load	100%	December 1, 2017	May 31, 2018
UES Large Default Load	100%	December 1, 2017	May 31, 2018

#### **Delivery Point**

Supplier(s) will be responsible for all settlement obligations associated with the load assets. UES load assets are currently settled at the New Hampshire Load Zone (4002). In the event that NEPOOL implements nodal settlement of load obligations, supplier(s) will be responsible for all settlement obligations at the node where the load assets are settled. The UES load physically exists and is metered at the substations listed in Appendix C of the Power Supply Agreement. The delivery points are at the PTF level.

#### Form of Service

The winning bidder(s) ("Seller") shall provide firm, load-following power for delivery to ultimate customers taking service under UES' default service tariff, as amended from time to time. The obligations and responsibilities associated with providing default service shall be transferred to the Seller via an Ownership Share for Load Asset, utilizing the NEPOOL Asset Registration Process for load assets 11451 (Small Customer Group),

11452 (Medium Customer Group) and 10019 (Large Customer Group). The percentage Ownership Share for each load asset shall be as listed on the table above under Supply Obligation Period under the column heading "Requirements." The quantity of service that the Seller will be responsible to deliver, and that UES will be responsible to purchase, will be the volumes measured at the delivery points.

Seller shall be responsible for providing and paying for all energy and capacity services and for all ancillary services associated with the Day-Ahead Load Obligation and the Real-Time Load Obligation (as defined in Market Rule 1, Section III of ISO New England Inc.'s Transmission, Markets and Services Tariff (the "ISO Tariff")), associated with the load assets, as required by the ISO Tariff as may be amended or superseded from time to time. UES shall be responsible for providing and paying for the transmission of the power across NEPOOL PTF and for all ancillary services associated with the Regional Network Load (as defined in the Open Access Transmission Tariff, Section III of the ISO Tariff), associated with the load assets. The specific requirements regarding the provision of energy, capacity and ancillary services by the Seller, and regarding the provision of transmission service by UES, are detailed in Article 4 of the proposed Power Supply Agreement, attached as Appendix B.

UES will report the hourly default service load associated with the load assets to ISO-NE on a daily basis in accordance with the reporting practices in New England. The reported loads will incorporate appropriate load allocation and estimation techniques and available meter readings for customers receiving default service from UES. Month end adjustments, based on customer meter readings, will be made to loads approximately 45 days after each month. Such adjustments will be priced at the contract price in effect for the month the load was served.

#### Renewable Portfolio Standards

A minimum Electric Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) was established on May 11<sup>th</sup> 2007, implementing RPS requirements in New Hampshire beginning in January 2008. There are no requirements to provide renewable energy credits (RECs) for RPS compliance associated with the service sought herein.

# V. <u>Proposal Requirements</u>

#### **Requested Information**

Respondents to this RFP must provide the information identified in the Proposal Submission Form attached as Appendix A. Please see the file named "App\_A\_UES\_Submission\_Form\_2017-08.doc." Respondents are asked to complete the submission form and return it to Jeff Pentz as indicated in Section III. Proposals should contain explanatory, descriptive and/or supporting materials as necessary.

Respondents will find that UES requests on the Proposal Submission Form that bidders indicate whether they will extend sufficient financial credit to UES in order to facilitate the transactions sought. UES will provide a copy of its most recent financials upon completion of the Mutual Confidential Non-Disclosure Agreement attached as Appendix C. UES has proposed financial security terms in the Power Supply Agreement. Respondents are asked to indicate their acceptance of the proposed financial security terms, along with any contract language modifications they propose. Proposed contract language modifications must be provided in a reviewable and editable manner, such as is obtained using the "track changes" features of Microsoft Word. Respondents are also asked to indicate whether they agree that the Power Supply Agreement is subject to NHPUC approval of supporting retail rates as sought by UES.

UES will treat all information received from respondents in a confidential manner and will not, except as required by law or regulatory authority, disclose such information to any third party or use such information for any purpose other than to evaluate the respondent's ability to provide the services sought in this RFP. Respondents bidding to serve UES default service loads should expect that the identity of the winning bidder(s) will be announced by the NHPUC in its order on the results of the RFP.

#### Proposed Pricing

For the Small and Medium Customer Groups, UES seeks fixed monthly price offers for the six month period. Respondents must specify the prices, in \$/MWh, at which they will provide default service for each month of the supply obligation period associated with the default service loads they choose to bid. Proposed prices may vary by calendar month, but must be uniform for the entire calendar month and must cover the entire supply obligation period sought. Purchases will be made on an "as-delivered" energy basis with prices stated on a fixed \$/MWh basis for all MWh reported to the ISO for the load assets. No maximum price is specified; however the resulting retail rates are subject to the review and acceptance of the NHPUC.

For the Large Customer Group, UES seeks variable monthly price offers for a six month period. Respondents must specify the monthly fixed adders, in \$/MWh, at which, in addition to the load-weighted average real-time NH LMP, they will provide default service to the Large Customer Group. Proposed monthly adder prices may vary by calendar month, but must be uniform for the entire calendar month and must cover the entire supply obligation period sought. Purchases will be made on an "as-delivered" energy basis with the monthly contract price equaling the sum of the load-weighted average real-time NH LMP plus the monthly fixed adder as bid during the RFP process. UES and the supplier will be required to confirm the calculation of the final contract price as soon as practical following the month of service in order to facilitate billing under the contract. The final contract price will be stated on a \$/MWh basis and will apply to all MWh reported to ISO New England for Load Asset 10019 (Large Customer Group). No maximum price is specified; however the resulting retail rates are subject to the review and acceptance of the NHPUC.

#### **Bidder Requirements**

In order to secure reliable, low cost default service power for its customers, UES wishes to include all qualified power suppliers in this solicitation.

Bidders must have access to the ISO settlement process for the entire term of the sale, either as a signatory to the Market Participant Service Agreement ("MPSA") or via arrangements with a signatory to the MPSA to utilize their settlement process.

Respondents are encouraged to establish complete contract language, including financial security arrangements, with UES prior to submission of final pricing.

# VI. Evaluation Criteria

The principal criteria to be used in evaluating proposals will include, but may not be limited to:

- Lowest evaluated bid price over the supply obligation period;
- Financial and operational viability of the power supplier, including the establishment of mutually acceptable financial security arrangements; and
- Responsiveness to non-price requirements, including the reasonable extension of financial credit to UES, and agreement that the proposed transactions are subject to NHPUC approval of retail rates as sought by UES.
- Each customer load group supply contract sought will be evaluated and awarded separately.

Respondent pricing will be evaluated by weighting the fixed monthly pricing according to the Evaluation Loads provided on the bid sheets ("UES\_Bid\_Form\_2017-08.xls") and as described at the end of Section II.

# Appendix A: Proposal Submission Form

See file named "App\_A\_UES\_Submission\_Form\_2017-08.doc"

# APPENDIX A: PROPOSAL SUBMISSION FORM

# **1. General Information**

Name of Respondent	
Name of Parent or Guarantor (if any)	
Principal contact person < Name < Title < Company < Mailing address < Telephone number (office) < Telephone number (cell) < Fax number < E-mail address	
Secondary contact person (if any) < Name < Title < Company < Mailing address < Telephone number (office) < Telephone number (cell) < Fax number < E-mail address	
Legal form of business organization of Respondent (e.g., sole proprietorship, partnership, limited partnership, joint venture, or corporation)	
State(s) of incorporation, residency or organization Indicate whether Respondent is in good standing in all states in which Respondent is authorized to do business and, if not, which states and the reason it is not.	

# RESPONDENT: \_\_\_\_\_

If Respondent is a partnership, the names of all general and limited partners.	
If Respondent is a limited liability company, the names of all direct owners.	
Description of Respondent and all affiliated entities and joint ventures transacting business in the energy sector.	

# **2. Financial Information**

Please provide the following for Respondent and/or Parent/Guarantor (as appropriate)	Respondent	Parent/Guarantor
Current debt ratings, including names of rating agencies and dates of ratings. If entity is not rated, please indicate.		
Date last fiscal year ended.		
Total revenue for the most recent fiscal year.		
Total net income for the most recent fiscal year.		
Total assets as of the close of the previous fiscal year.		
DUNS Number and Federal Tax ID.		
Please provide a copy of the most recent financials including balance sheet, income statement and cash flow statement.		

# **3. Defaults and Adverse Situations**

Describe, in detail, any situation in which Respondent (either alone or as part of a joint venture), or an affiliate of Respondent, defaulted or was deemed to be in noncompliance of its contractual obligations to deliver energy and/or capacity at wholesale within the past five years. Explain the situation, its outcome and all other relevant facts associated with the event	
described. Identify the name, title and telephone number of the principal manager of the customer/client who asserted the event of default or noncompliance.	
Has Respondent, or any affiliate of Respondent, in the last five years, (a) consented to the appointment of, or was taken in possession by, a receiver, trustee, custodian or liquidator of a substantial part of its assets, (b) filed a bankruptcy petition in any bankruptcy court proceeding, (c) answered, consented or sought relief under any bankruptcy or similar law or failed to obtain a dismissal of an involuntary petition, (d) admitted in writing of its inability to pay its debts when due, (e) made a general assignment for the benefit of creditors, (f) was the subject of an involuntary proceeding seeking to adjudicate that Party bankrupt or insolvent, (g) sought reorganization, arrangement, adjustment, or composition of it or its debt under any law relating to bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization or relief of debtors.	
Describe any facts presently known to Respondent that might adversely affect its ability to provide the service(s) bid herein as provided for in the Request for Proposals.	

# 4. NEPOOL and Power Supply Experience

Is Respondent a member of NEPOOL?	YES or NO
Please list Respondent's NEPOOL Participant ID.	
If Respondent is NOT a NEPOOL member, list the name and Participant ID of the NEPOOL member who will carry Respondent's obligations in its settlement account. Please provide a supporting statement and contact information from such member.	
Please describe Respondent's experience and record of performance in the areas of power marketing, brokering, sales, and/or contracting, for the last five years within NEPOOL and/or the New England region.	
Has Respondent previously provided Default Service to UES? If response is "NO", please provide references as requested below.	YES or NO
Please provide three references (name, title and contact information) who have contracted with the Respondent for load-following services or who can attest to Respondent's ability in the areas of power supply portfolio management within the past 2 years.	1. 2. 3.

# 5. Non Price Terms

Does Respondent extend sufficient financial credit to UES to facilitate the transactions sought via this RFP?	YES or NO
Please indicate what, if any, financial security requirements Respondent has of UES in order to secure the extension of credit. Please attach any proposed contractual language.	
Does Respondent agree that the obligations of both parties are subject to and conditioned upon the NHPUC's approval of the retail rates derived from the transaction sought in this solicitation?	YES or NO
Please list all regulatory approvals required before service can commence.	
Is Respondent willing to enter into contractual terms substantially as proposed in the Power Supply Agreement contained in Appendix B?	YES or NO
Provide any proposed modifications to the Power Supply Agreement provided in Appendix B or to the PSA Amendment in Appendix B1.	
Please briefly list issues here and provide proposed language changes in the document using the "track changes" feature of Microsoft Word, or other reviewable revision marking process.	

# Appendix B: Power Sales Agreement

See file named "App\_B\_UES\_Power\_Sales\_Agreement\_2017-08.doc"

# POWER SUPPLY AGREEMENT

This POWER SUPPLY AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is dated as of **September 27, 2017** and is by and between UNITIL ENERGY SYSTEMS, INC. ("UES" or "Buyer"), a New Hampshire corporation, and [Company] ("Seller"), a [what]. This Agreement provides for the sale by Seller of Default Service, as defined herein, to the Buyer. The Buyer and Seller are referred to herein individually as a "Party" and collectively as the "Parties".

# ARTICLE 1. BASIC UNDERSTANDINGS

Seller, in response to a Request for Proposals issued on **August 29, 2017** by the Buyer, has been selected to be the supplier of firm, load-following power to meet the Buyer's Service Requirements as defined in the Service Requirements Matrix found in Appendix A. This Agreement sets forth the terms under which Seller will supply, and Buyer will purchase, Default Service during the Delivery Term.

# ARTICLE 2. DEFINITIONS

As used in this Agreement, the following terms shall have the meanings specified in this Article. In addition, except as otherwise expressly provided, terms with initial capitalization used in this Agreement and not defined herein shall have the meaning as defined in the ISO Rules.

<u>Affiliate</u> means, with respect to any Party, any person (other than an individual) that, directly or indirectly, controls, or is controlled by such Party. For this purpose, "control" means the direct or indirect ownership of fifty percent (50%) or more of the outstanding capital stock or other equity interests having ordinary voting power.

<u>Average Weighted RT LMP</u> (real time locational marginal price) is the value determined each month during the Delivery Term of the Large Customer Group Service Requirement. The Average Weighted RT LMP is added to the Fixed Monthly Adder to calculate the Contract Rate per MWH for the Large Customer Group Service Requirement. The calculation of the Average Weighted RT LMP is detailed in Section 5.1.

**Business Day** means a 24-hour period ending at 5:00 p.m. EPT, other than Saturday, Sunday and any day which is a legal holiday or a day on which banking institutions in Boston, Massachusetts are authorized by law or other governmental action to close.

**<u>Buyer</u>** means Unitil Energy Systems, Inc., its successors, assigns, employees, agents and authorized representatives.

**Buyer's System** means the electrical transmission and distribution system of the Buyer.

<u>Commencement Date</u> means, with respect to a Service Requirement, the period beginning at the start of HE 0100 EPT on the date set forth for such Service Requirement on Schedule 1 of Appendix A.

<u>Commission</u> means the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

<u>Competitive Supplier Terms</u> means the Terms and Conditions for Competitive Suppliers, which are a part of the Retail Delivery Tariff, as may be amended from time to time.

<u>Conclusion Date</u> means the end of the HE 2400 EPT on the date set forth for the Service Requirement on Schedule 2 of Appendix A.

<u>Contract Rate</u> means the value expressed in \$/MWh as set forth in Appendix B, as applicable to each Service Requirement, during a month in the Delivery Term.

<u>**Credit Rating**</u> means (i) the lower of the ratings assigned to an entity's unsecured, senior longterm debt obligations (not supported by third party credit enhancements) by S&P and Moody's, (ii) in the event the entity does not have a rating for its senior unsecured long-term debt, the lower of the rating assigned to the entity as an issuer rating by S&P and Moody's, or the rating assigned to the entity as an issuer rating by any other rating agency agreed to by both Parties in each Party's sole and exclusive judgment.

<u>Credit Requirements</u> mean the satisfaction of any and all financial measures and/or Credit Rating status so as to avoid a Downgrade Event, as defined in Section 7.3(a).

<u>Customer Disconnection Date</u> means the date when a Default Service Customer is disconnected from service, as determined by the Buyer in accordance with the Retail Delivery Tariff.

<u>**Customer Group**</u> means the Small Customer Group or the Large Customer Group, as the case may be.

<u>Customer Initiation Date</u> means the date a retail customer of the Buyer begins taking service pursuant to the Schedule DS of the Buyer's Retail Delivery Tariff, as determined by the Buyer.

<u>**Customer Termination Date**</u> means the date when a Default Service Customer ceases to take service pursuant to Schedule DS under the Retail Delivery Tariff.

**Default Service** means the provision of Requirements by Seller at the Delivery Point to the Buyer to meet all needs of Default Service Customers.

**Default Service Customer(s)** means the retail customer(s) in each Customer Group identified in Appendix A taking service pursuant to Schedule DS of the Retail Delivery Tariff during the applicable Delivery Term.

**Delivered Energy** means the quantity of energy, expressed in MWh, provided by Seller under the terms of this Agreement. This quantity shall be the sum of energy reported to the ISO by the Buyer for each of the Load Assets identified in Section 6.4, with such quantity determined by the Buyer in accordance with Section 6.3 of this Agreement. Such quantity shall not include any allocation of PTF losses up to and including the Delivery Point (which the ISO may assess to Seller in relation to such energy), but shall include transmission and distribution losses on the Buyer's System from the Delivery Point to the meters of Default Service Customers.

**Delivery Point** means the PTF location where Requirements are settled under ISO Rules. UES load assets are currently settled at the New Hampshire Load Zone (4002). The UES load physically exists and is metered at the substations listed in Appendix C.

**Delivery Term(s)** means the applicable period associated with a Service Requirement beginning at the start of HE 0100 EPT in Schedule 1 through and including the end of the HE 2400 EPT in Schedule 2 of Appendix A.

**<u>EPT</u>** means Eastern Prevailing Time.

**Fixed Monthly Adder** means the dollar per MWH price specified in Appendix B. The Fixed Monthly Adder is added to the Average Weighted RT LMP each month during the Delivery Term of the Large Customer Group Service Requirement in order to calculate the monthly Contract Rate per MWH for the Large Customer Group Service Requirement.

<u>GAAP</u> means Generally Accepted Accounting Principles promulgated by the Financial Accounting Standards Board at the time of issuance of the financial statements.

**Governing Documents** means, with respect to any particular entity, (a) if a corporation, the (i) articles of organization, articles of incorporation or certificate of incorporation and (ii) the bylaws; (b) if a general partnership, the partnership agreement and any statement of partnership; (c) if a limited partnership, the limited partnership agreement and the certificate of limited partnership; (d) if a limited liability company, the articles or certificate of organization or formation and operating agreement; (e) if another type of entity, any other charter or similar document adopted or filed in connection with the creation, formation or organization of such entity; (f) all equity holders' agreements, voting agreements, voting trust agreements, joint venture agreements, registration rights agreements or other agreements or documents relating to the organization, management or operation of any entity or relating to the rights, duties and obligations of the equity holders of any entity; and (g) any amendment or supplement to any of the foregoing.

**Interest Rate** means, for any date, the lesser of (a) the per annum rate of interest equal to the prime lending rate as may from time to time be published in The Wall Street Journal under "Money Rates" on such day (or if not published on such day, on the most recent preceding day on which published), plus two percent (2%) and (b) the maximum rate permitted by applicable law.

**Investment Grade** means (i) if an entity has a Credit Rating from both S&P and Moody's then, a Credit Rating from S&P equal to or better than "BBB-" and a Credit Rating from Moody's equal to or better than "Baa3"; or (ii) if an entity has a Credit Rating from only one of S&P and Moody's, then a Credit Rating from S&P equal to or better than "BBB-" or a Credit Rating from Moody's equal to or better than "Baa3 or (iii) if the Parties have mutually agreed in writing on an additional or alternative rating agency, then a Credit Rating from S&P (if applicable) equal to or better than "BBB-" and/or a Credit Rating from Moody's (if applicable) equal to or better than "Baa3", and with respect to the additional or alternative rating agency, a credit rating equal to or better than that mutually agreed to by the Parties in each Party's sole and exclusive judgment.

**ISO** means ISO New England Inc., the Independent System Operator / Regional Transmission Organization established in accordance with the NEPOOL Agreement, and any successor.

**ISO Manuals** means the ISO Manual M-06 Financial Transmission Rights, the ISO Manual M-11 Market Operations, the ISO Manual M-20 Installed Capacity, the ISO Manual M-27 Tariff Accounting, the ISO Manual M-28 Market Rule 1 Accounting, the ISO Manual M-29 Billing, the ISO Manual M-35 Definitions and Abbreviations, the ISO Manual M-36 Forward Reserve, the ISO Manual M-LRP Load Response Program, as they may be amended, restated, or succeeded from time to time. In the event that ISO adopts additional manuals, then these shall also be included in this definition.

**ISO Rules** means all rules adopted by the ISO or NEPOOL, as such rules may be amended, added, superseded and restated from time to time, including the NEPOOL Agreement, ISO New England Inc. Transmission, Markets and Services Tariff FERC Electric Tariff No. 3, the Transmission Operating Agreement, and the Participants Agreement, the ISO Manuals, and the NEPOOL Operating Procedures.

**<u>kWh</u>** means kilowatt-hour.

**Large Customer Group** means the retail customers assigned to the following customer rate class: Large General Service Schedule G1.

<u>Material Adverse Effect</u> means, with respect to a Party, any change in or effect on such Party after the date of this Agreement that is materially adverse to the transactions contemplated hereby, excluding any change or effect resulting from (a) changes in the international, national, regional or local wholesale or retail markets for electric power; (b) changes in the international, national, regional or local markets for any fuel; (c) changes in the North American, national, regional or local electric transmission or distribution systems; and (d) any action or inaction by a governmental authority, but in any such case not affecting the Parties or the transactions contemplated hereby in any manner or degree significantly different from others in the industry as a whole.

<u>Medium Customer Group</u> means the retail customers assigned to the following customer rate classes: Regular General Service Schedule G2, and Outdoor Lighting Service Schedule OL.

Moody's means Moody's Investors Service Inc., its successors and assigns.

**<u>MWh</u>** means Megawatt-hour.

<u>NE-GIS</u> means the NEPOOL Generation Information System, which includes a generation information database and certificate system, operated by ISO, its designee or successor entity, that accounts for generation attributes of electricity consumed within New England.

<u>NE-GIS Certificates</u> means a document produced by the NE-GIS that identifies the relevant generation attributes of each MWh accounted for in the NE-GIS from a generation unit.

**<u>NEPOOL</u>** means the New England Power Pool, or its successor.

**<u>NEPOOL Agreement</u>** means the Second Restated New England Power Pool Agreement effective on February 1, 2005, as amended or accepted by the Commission and as may be amended, superseded and/or restated from time to time.

**<u>NHPUC</u>** means the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission.

**<u>NH Load Zone</u>** means the New Hampshire Reliability Region as defined in the ISO Rules.

**<u>PTF</u>** means facilities categorized as Pool Transmission Facilities under ISO Rules.

**<u>Requirements</u>** shall be defined in Section 4.2(c).

**<u>Retail Delivery Tariff</u>** means UES' Tariff for Electric Delivery in the State of New Hampshire.

**<u>S&P</u>** means Standard & Poor's Rating Group, its successors and assigns.

<u>Service Requirement</u> means a load-following, wholesale power supply requirement, defined by a unique combination of Customer Group, load responsibility and Delivery Term as listed in Appendix A.

<u>Shareholder Equity</u> means the Common Stock Equity as defined in the audited annual financial statements prepared in accordance with current U.S. GAAP. However, Shareholder Equity shall be exclusive of accumulated Other Comprehensive Income.

<u>Small Customer Group</u> means the retail customers assigned to the following customer rate classes: Domestic Delivery Service Schedule D.

# ARTICLE 3. TERM, SERVICE PROVISIONS AND REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

## Section 3.1 Term

This Agreement shall be effective immediately upon execution by the Parties and shall continue in effect until the Service Requirements listed in Appendix A have been fully performed and final payment made hereunder or this Agreement has been otherwise terminated as provided herein by reason of an uncured Event of Default. As of the expiration of this Agreement or, if earlier, its termination, the Parties shall no longer be bound by the terms and provisions hereof, except (a) to the extent necessary to enforce the rights and obligations of the Parties arising under this Agreement before such expiration or termination and (b) the obligations of the Parties hereunder with respect to audit rights, remedies for default, damages claims, indemnification and defense of claims shall survive the termination or expiration of this Agreement to the full extent necessary for their enforcement and the protection of the Party in whose favor they run, subject to any time limits specifically set forth in this Agreement.

#### Section 3.2 <u>Commencement of Supply</u>

(a) Beginning as of the Commencement Date applicable to the Customer Group set forth on Appendix A, Seller shall provide Requirements to the Buyer. For purposes of certainty: Seller's obligations on the Commencement Date shall be to provide Requirements for all Default Service Customers taking service as of and including the Commencement Date.

(b) With respect to each person or entity that becomes a Default Service Customer subsequent to the Commencement Date, Seller shall provide Requirements to the Buyer to meet the needs of the Default Service Customer(s) as of and including the Customer Initiation Date for such customer initiating such service during the Delivery Term.

(c) During the Delivery Term that Seller provides Default Service to the Buyer's Large Customer Group, Buyer shall make its best efforts to notify Seller promptly of all Customer Initiation Dates of retail customers in the Large Customer Group. Upon such notice, Buyer shall also provide historic annual (prior billed 12 months) peak kVa and total kWh consumption for such customers.

# Section 3.3 Termination and Conclusion of Supply

(a) With respect to each Default Service Customer that terminates Default Service, during the Delivery Term, Seller shall not provide Requirements for such customer as of the Customer Termination Date.

(b) During the Delivery Term that Seller provides Default Service to the Buyer's Large Customer Group, Buyer shall make best efforts to notify Seller promptly of all Customer Termination Dates and Customer Disconnection Dates of retail customers in the Large Customer Group. Upon such notice, Buyer shall also provide historic annual (prior billed 12 months) peak kVa and total kWh consumption for such customers.

(c) Seller's obligation to provide Requirements shall cease at the Conclusion Date.

#### Section 3.4 Distribution Service Interruptions

Seller acknowledges that interruptions in distribution service occur and may reduce the load served hereunder. Seller further acknowledges and agrees that the Buyer may interrupt

distribution service to customers consistent with the Distribution Service Terms and the Competitive Supplier Terms. In no event shall a Party have any liability or obligation to the other Party in respect of any such interruptions in distribution service.

#### Section 3.5 Release of Customer Information

The Buyer will not issue any customer information to Seller unless Seller has first obtained the necessary authorization in accordance with the provisions of the Competitive Supplier Terms.

#### Section 3.6 Change in Supply; No Prohibition on Programs

(a) Seller acknowledges and agrees that the number of customers and the Requirements to meet the needs of such customers will fluctuate throughout the Delivery Term and may equal zero. The Buyer shall not be liable to Seller for any losses Seller may incur, lost revenues, and losses that may result from any change in Requirements, number or location of customers taking service, the location of the Delivery Point(s), the composition or components of market products or Requirements, or the market for electricity, or change in the Retail Delivery Tariff. Seller further acknowledges and agrees that there is no limit on the number of Customer Initiation Dates, Customer Termination Dates and Customer Disconnection Dates.

(b) Seller acknowledges and agrees that the Buyer has the right but not the obligation to continue, initiate, support or participate in any programs, promotions, or initiatives designed to or with the effect of encouraging customers to leave Default Service for any reason ("Programs"). Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to require notice to or approval of Seller in order for the Buyer to take any action in relation to Programs.

(c) Seller acknowledges and agrees that the Buyer and Affiliates of the Buyer will not provide Seller preferential access to or use of the Buyer's System and that Seller's sole and exclusive rights and remedies with regard to access to, use or availability of the Buyer's System, and the Buyer's or Affiliates of the Buyer's obligation to transmit electricity are those rights, remedies and obligations provided under the Retail Delivery Tariff, the ISO Rules, and the Buyer's Open Access Transmission Tariff.

#### Section 3.7 <u>Disclosure Requirements</u>

In the event that the NHPUC implements a disclosure label requirement, which requires the Buyer to document its power supply attributes, then the Seller shall provide the Buyer information pertaining to power plant emissions, fuel types, labor information and any other information required by the Buyer to comply.

#### Section 3.8 <u>Regulatory Approvals</u>

Notwithstanding Section 21(d) below, or anything else to the contrary herein, the Parties' obligations under this Agreement are subject to Buyer obtaining approval from NHPUC of the inclusion in retail rates of the amounts payable by Buyer to Seller under this Agreement, without material modification to the obligations of either Party under this Agreement. Buyer shall use its best efforts to obtain prompt approval of such rates. If Buyer is unable to obtain NHPUC approval by **October 6, 2017**, Buyer and Seller agree to review the status of such approval process and determine whether to continue to pursue the transaction contemplated in this Agreement. If the Parties cannot agree as to how to continue such transaction, this Agreement shall terminate without liability to either Party.

# ARTICLE 4. SALE AND PURCHASE

#### Section 4.1 <u>Provision Delivery and Receipt</u>

Seller shall provide and deliver to the Delivery Point and the Buyer shall receive at the Delivery Point the percent of the Requirements applicable to each Service Requirement as set forth on Appendix A during the Delivery Term.

#### Section 4.2 <u>Responsibilities</u>

(a) Buyer shall be responsible for arranging and paying for the transmission of the power across NEPOOL PTF and for any ancillary services, allocated to the Network Load, associated with the Service Requirements. Arranging and paying for transmission across NEPOOL PTF, required of the Buyer, includes, but is not limited to taking Regional Network Service under the ISO New England Inc. Transmission, Markets and Services Tariff ("ISO Tariff"). Arranging and paying for ancillary services, required by the Buyer, includes, but is not limited to any transmission dispatch or power administration services, as may be allocated to Network Load in accordance with ISO Rules. Arranging and paying for transmission from NEPOOL PTF to Buyer's distribution facilities includes, but is not limited to, taking Network Integration Transmission Service under the Service Company and UES.

(b) Seller shall be responsible for all present and future obligations, requirements, and costs associated with the Requirements.

(c) The term "Requirements" means the provision of energy at the Delivery Point as set forth in Section 4.2(e), capacity as set forth in Section 4.2(f) and ancillary services as set forth in Section 4.2(g), in each case associated with the Service Requirements as set forth in Appendix A.

(d) If ISO Rules are modified during the Term of this Agreement, which change the allocation of currently existing charges and obligations from the Load Asset, associated with the Service Requirements to the Network Load, associated with the Buyer's transmission responsibilities, then, if possible, the charges or obligations shall be transferred back to the Seller through the ISO and/or ISO settlement process. If such transfer is not possible, then the Seller shall compensate the Buyer for any additional cost. If ISO Rules are modified during the Term of this Agreement, which change the allocation of currently existing charges and obligations from the Network Load, associated with the Buyer's transmission responsibilities to the Load Asset, associated with the Service Requirements, then, if possible, the charges or obligations shall be transferred back to the Buyer through the ISO and/or ISO settlement process. If such transfer is not possible, then the Buyer shall compensate the Seller for such charges. If ISO Rules are changed after the date of this Agreement, which create new charges or obligations, associated with the Service Requirements, then the Seller shall be responsible for such new charges or obligations. Likewise, if ISO Rules are changed during the Term of this Agreement, which create new charges or obligations, associated with the Network Load, associated with the Buyer's transmission responsibilities, then the Buyer shall be responsible for such charges or obligations.

(e) Provision of energy includes, but is not limited to the following. Seller shall have the Day-Ahead Load Obligation and the Real-Time Load Obligation, associated with the Service Requirements at the Delivery Point. Currently, the Energy Settlement Obligation, associated with the Service Requirements at the Delivery Point, is settled at the New Hampshire Load Zone. In the event that NEPOOL or the ISO implements nodal settlement of load obligations of the

Day-Ahead Energy Market and Real-Time Energy Market, the Seller shall continue to be responsible for Day-Ahead and Real-Time Load Obligations at the appropriate settlement location(s), associated with the Service Requirements at the Delivery Point.

(f) Provision of capacity includes, but is not limited to the following. Seller shall have the ICAP Settlement Obligation, associated with the Service Requirements at the Delivery Point. Currently, the ICAP Settlement Obligation, associated with the Service Requirements at the Delivery Point, can be satisfied with any ICAP resource, recognized by the ISO in the NEPOOL control-area or imported into the NEPOOL control-area. In the event that ISO implements a locational capacity requirement, including that which was proposed in the Commission's docket number ER03-563, then the Seller will be responsible for providing ICAP at the location, required to meet the Locational ICAP Settlement Obligation, associated with the Service Requirements at the Delivery Point.

(g) Provision of ancillary services, required of the Seller, includes, but is not limited to Regulation, Operating Reserves, Reliability Must-Run Operating Reserves ("RMR") other than RMR Operating Reserve charges that are monthly fixed-cost charges paid to resources pursuant to agreements negotiated under Market Rule 1, Appendix A, Section 6, net commitment period compensation ("NCPC") other than RMR NCPC charges that are monthly fixed-cost charges paid to resources pursuant to agreements negotiated under Market Rule 1 Appendix A, Section 6, net commitment period compensation ("NCPC") other than RMR NCPC charges that are monthly fixed-cost charges paid to resources pursuant to agreements negotiated under Market Rule 1 Appendix A, Section 6, Forward Reserves, and any transmission dispatch or power administration services, as may be allocated to the Owner of the Load Assets, associated with the Service Requirements in accordance with ISO Rules. If ISO Rules are changed such that locational ancillary services are required, then the Seller shall be responsible for meeting the locational ancillary services requirement, associated with the Service Requirements at the Delivery Point.

(h) It is the intent of the Parties that for each Financial Transmission Rights Auction ("FTR Auction") conducted by the ISO for months within the Delivery Terms(s), those Auction Revenue Rights ("ARRs") associated solely with the Service Requirement shall be assigned or paid to Seller, provided, however, Buyer shall be under no obligation to participate in any manner in any FTR Auction in order to increase Auction Revenue Right quantities.

# ARTICLE 5. AMOUNT, BILLING and PAYMENT

#### Section 5.1 <u>Amount</u>

The amount payable by the Buyer to Seller for Delivered Energy in a month shall be the product of (a) the sum of the Delivered Energy for each Customer Group, as identified in Appendix A in each month during the applicable Delivery Term; and (b) the Contract Rate for such Service Requirement as identified in Appendix B for such month during the applicable Delivery Term.

Appendix B indicates that the prices listed for the Large Customer Group are Fixed Monthly Adders, therefore the Contract Rate will be calculated as the sum of the Average Weighted RT LMP and the Fixed Monthly Adder as shown in Equation 1. The Average Weighted RT LMP is calculated in accordance with Equation 2.

#### Equation 1

Contract Rate = Average Weighted RT LMP + Fixed Monthly Adder

The Average Weighted RT LMP shall be calculated using the MWH of Delivered Energy reported for the Large Customer Group default service load asset, Load Asset number 10019, and the hourly real time locational marginal prices ("RT LMP") for the settlement location of Load Asset 10019, which is currently the New Hampshire Load Zone (4002). The Average Weighted RT LMP equals the sum of the products of the RT LMP and the Delivered Energy (MWH) of Load Asset 10019 in each hour of the month of service, divided by the sum of Delivered Energy (MWH) of Load Asset 10019 for the month of service, as shown in Equation 2.

# **Equation 2**

# Average Weighted RT LMP = $\frac{Sum [hourly RT LMP * hourly Delivered Energy (MWH) of Load Asset 10019]}{Sum [hourly Delivered Energy (MWH) of Load Asset 10019]}$

The Large Customer Group prices listed in Appendix B are Fixed Monthly Adders requiring the Contract Rate to be calculated as described in Equation 1 and Equation 2, and the Contract Rate will be determined and affirmed by both Buyer and Seller by the third business day following the month of service. Once agreed upon, the Contract Rate for the month of service shall be final and shall not be subject to change in the event that either the New Hampshire RT LMP or the Delivered Energy (MWH) of Load Asset 10019 are subsequently revised or restated.

Section 5.2 <u>Billing and Payment</u>

(a) On or before the twentieth (20th) day of each month ("Invoice Date") during the term of this Agreement, Seller shall calculate the amount due and payable to Seller pursuant to this Article 5, for Delivered Energy with respect to the preceding month (the "Calculation"). Seller shall provide the Calculation to the Buyer and such Calculation shall include sufficient detail for the Buyer to verify its formulation and computation. Calculations under this paragraph shall be subject to recalculation in accordance with Article 6 and shall be subject to adjustment (positive or negative) based upon such recalculation (a "Reconciliation Adjustment"). Seller shall promptly calculate the Reconciliation Adjustment upon receiving data described in Section 6.3 and shall include the adjustment, if any, in the next month's Invoice. A Reconciliation Adjustment based upon a change in the quantity for an earlier month shall be calculated using the applicable Contract Rate for the month in which the Delivered Energy was received.

(b) Seller shall submit to the Buyer an invoice with such Calculation as provided for in paragraph (a) of this Section (the "Invoice") and the respective amounts due under this Agreement on the Invoice Date. The Buyer shall pay Seller the amount of the Invoice (including the Reconciliation Adjustment, if any, as a debit or credit) less any amounts disputed in accordance with Section 5.3, on or before the later of the last Business Day of each month, or the tenth (10th) day after receipt of the Invoice, or, if such day is not a Business Day, then on the next following Business Day, (the "Due Date"). Except for amounts disputed in accordance with Section 5.3, if all or any part of the Invoice remains unpaid after the Due Date, interest shall accrue after but not including the Due Date and be payable to Seller on such unpaid amount at the Interest Rate in effect on the Due Date. The Due Date for a Reconciliation Adjustment shall be the Due Date of the Invoice in which it is included.

(c) Each Party shall notify the other Party upon becoming aware of an error in an Invoice, Calculation or Reconciliation Adjustment (whether the amount is paid or not) and Seller shall promptly issue a corrected Invoice. Overpayments shall be returned by the receiving Party upon request or deducted by the receiving Party from subsequent invoices, with interest accrued at the Interest Rate from the date of the receipt of the overpayment until the date paid or deducted.

## Section 5.3 Challenge to Invoices

Either Party may challenge, in writing, the accuracy of Calculations, Invoices, Reconciliation Adjustments and data no later than twenty-four (24) months after the Due Date of the Invoice in which the disputed information is contained. If a Party does not challenge the accuracy within such twenty-four (24) month period, such Invoice shall be binding upon that Party and shall not be subject to challenge. If any amount in dispute is ultimately determined (under the terms herein) to be due to the other Party, it shall be paid or returned (as the case may be) to the other Party within three (3) Business Days of such determination along with interest accrued at the Interest Rate from the (i) date due and owing in accordance with the Invoice until the date paid or (ii) if the amount was paid and is to be returned, from the date paid, until the date returned.

#### Section 5.4 <u>Taxes, Fees and Levies</u>

Seller shall be obligated to pay all present and future taxes, fees and levies ("Taxes") which may be assessed by any entity upon the Seller's performance under this Agreement the purchase and sale of Requirements. Seller shall pay all Taxes with respect to the Requirements up to and at the Delivery Point, and the Buyer will pay all Taxes with respect to the Requirements after the Delivery Point. All Requirements, including electricity and other related market products delivered hereunder by Seller to the Buyer shall be sales for resale with the Buyer reselling such electricity and products.

# Section 5.5 <u>Netting and Setoff</u>

Except for security provided pursuant to Section 7.3 (which shall not be considered for purposes of this Section 5.5) and unless otherwise specified in another agreement between the Parties, if the Parties are required to pay an amount in the same month each to the other under this Agreement or any other agreement between the Parties, or if any costs that are a Party's responsibility under this Agreement are incorrectly or inappropriately charged to the Party by the ISO, such amounts shall be netted, and the Party owing the greater aggregate amount shall pay to the other Party any difference between the amounts owed. Each Party reserves all rights, setoffs, counterclaims and other remedies and defenses (to the extent not expressly herein or therein waived or denied) that such Party has or to which such Party may be entitled arising from or out of this Agreement or the other agreement. Further, if the Buyer incurs any costs or charges that are the responsibility of Seller under this Agreement, such costs or charges may, at the Buyer's election, be netted against any amount due to Seller under this Agreement. All outstanding obligations to make payment under this Agreement or any other agreement between the Parties may be netted against each other, set off or recouped there from, or otherwise adjusted.

#### ARTICLE 6. QUALITY; LOSSES and QUANTITIES REQUIRED; DETERMINATION AND REPORTING OF HOURLY LOADS

#### Section 6.1 Quality

All electricity shall be delivered to the Buyer in the form of three-phase sixty-hertz alternating current at the Delivery Point.

#### Section 6.2 Losses

Seller shall be responsible for any transmission losses up to and including the Delivery Point. Losses beyond the Delivery Point are included in Delivered Energy and are paid for by the Buyer at the applicable Contract Rate.

#### Section 6.3 Determination and Reporting of Hourly Loads

The Buyer will estimate the Delivered Energy for Default Service provided by Seller pursuant to this Agreement based upon average load profiles developed for each of the Buyer's customer classes, actual metered data, as available, and the Buyer's actual total hourly load. The Buyer shall report to the ISO and Seller, the estimated Delivered Energy. In accordance with the ISO Rules, the Buyer will normally report to the ISO and to Seller, the Seller's estimated Delivered Energy by 1:00 P.M EPT of the second following Business Day after delivery. The Buyer shall have the right but not the obligation, in its sole and exclusive judgment, to modify the Estimation Process from time to time, provided that any such modification is designed with the objective of improving the accuracy of the Estimation Process.

Each month, the Buyer shall reconcile the Buyer's estimate of the Delivered Energy based upon the Buyer's meter reads (such meter reads as provided for in the Retail Delivery Tariff). The reconciliation, including all losses, shall be the adjusted Delivered Energy. In accordance with the ISO Rules the Buyer will normally notify the ISO of any resulting adjustment (debit or credit) to Seller's account for the Load Assets (set forth in Section 6.4) no later than the last day of the third month following the billing month.

#### Section 6.4 ISO Settlement Power System Model Implementation

The Default Service provided by Seller pursuant to this Agreement will be initially represented within the ISO Settlement Power System Model as described in Appendix A.

As soon as possible after the execution of this Agreement and before the Commencement Date, the Buyer shall assign to Seller, and Seller shall accept assignment of an Ownership Share for each Load Asset identified in Appendix A. Such assignment shall be effective beginning on the Commencement Date. Seller shall take any and all actions necessary to effectuate such assignment including executing documents required by ISO Rules. Once Seller's provision of Default Service terminates (at the end of a Delivery Term or otherwise), the Buyer and Seller will terminate Seller's Ownership Shares of the aforementioned Load Assets.

The Buyer shall have the right to change the Load Asset designations (identified above) from time to time, consistent with the definition and provision of Default Service. If and to the extent such designations change, the Buyer and Seller shall cooperate to timely put into effect the necessary documents that may be required to implement the new designations and terminate the prior designations.

# ARTICLE 7. DEFAULT AND TERMINATION

#### Section 7.1 Events of Default

(a) Any one or more of the following events shall constitute an "Event of Default" hereunder with respect to the Buyer:

(i) Failure of the Buyer

(A) in any material respect to comply with, observe or perform any covenant, warranty or obligation under this Agreement (but excluding events that are otherwise specifically covered in this Section as a separate Event of Default and except due to causes excused by Force Majeure or attributable to Seller's' in breach of this Agreement); and

(B) After receipt of written notice from Seller such failure continues for a period of five (5) Business Days, or, if such failure cannot be reasonably cured within such five (5) Business Day period, such further period as shall reasonably be required to effect such cure (but in no event longer than thirty (30) days), provided that the Buyer commences within such five (5) Business Day period to effect a cure and at all times thereafter proceed diligently to complete the cure as quickly as possible and provides to Seller written documentation of its efforts and plan to cure and estimated time for completion of the cure.

(ii) Failure of the Buyer to (A) make when due any undisputed payment due to Seller hereunder; and (B) after receipt of written notice from Seller such failure continues for a period of three (3) Business Days.

(iii) Failure of the Buyer to accept Default Service in accordance with Article 3 (unless excused by Force Majeure or attributable to the Seller's breach of this Agreement, or otherwise in accordance with this Agreement).

(b) Any one or more of the following events shall constitute an "Event of Default" hereunder with respect to Seller:

(i) Failure of Seller

(A) in any material respect to comply with, observe, or perform any covenant, warranty or obligation under this Agreement (but excluding events that are otherwise specifically covered in this Section as a separate Event of Default and except due to causes excused by Force Majeure or attributable to the Buyer's in breach of this Agreement); and

(B) after receipt of written notice from the Buyer such failure continues for a period of five (5) Business Days, or, if such failure cannot be reasonably cured within such five (5) Business Day period, such further period as shall reasonably be required to effect a cure (but in no event longer than thirty (30) days), provided that Seller commences within such five (5) Business Day period to effect such cure and at all times thereafter proceeds diligently to complete the cure as quickly as possible and provides to the Buyer written documentation of its efforts and plan to cure and estimated time for completion of the cure;

(ii) Failure of Seller to provide Requirements in accordance with Articles 3 and 4

(c) Any one or more of the following events with respect to either Party shall constitute an "Event of Default" hereunder with respect to such Party:

- (i) The entry by a court having jurisdiction in the premises of (A) a decree or order for relief in respect of such Party in an involuntary case or proceeding under any applicable federal or state bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or other similar law, or (B) a decree or order adjudging such Party as bankrupt or insolvent, or approving as properly filed a petition seeking reorganization, arrangement, adjustment or composition of or in respect of such Party under any applicable federal or state law, or appointing a custodian, receiver, liquidator, assignee, trustee, sequestrator or other similar official of such Party or of any substantial part of its property, or ordering the winding up or liquidation of its affairs;
- The commencement by such Party of a voluntary case or proceeding, or any filing (ii) by a third party of an involuntary case or proceeding against a Party that is not dismissed within forty-five (45) days of such filing, under any applicable federal or state bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or other similar law, or of any other case or proceeding to be adjudicated as bankrupt or insolvent, or the consent by it to the entry of a decree or order for relief in respect of such Party in an involuntary case or proceeding under any applicable federal or state bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or other similar law or to the commencement of any bankruptcy or insolvency case or proceeding against it, or the filing by it of a petition or answer or consent seeking reorganization or relief under any applicable federal or state law, or the consent by it to the filing of such petition or to the appointment of or taking possession by a custodian, receiver, liquidator, assignee, trustee, sequestrator or other similar official of a Party or of any substantial part of its property, or the making by it of an assignment for the benefit of creditors, or the admission by it in writing of its inability to pay its debts generally as they become due, or the taking of corporate action by such Party in furtherance of any such action:
- (iii) Any representation or warranty made by a Party is or becomes false or misleading in any material respect.
- (iv) Failure of such Party to deliver Performance Assurance when due in accordance with Section 7.3 if such failure is not remedied within three (3) Business Days after written notice.

#### Section 7.2 <u>Remedies Upon Default</u>

The Parties shall have the following remedies available to them with respect to the occurrence of an Event of Default with respect to the other Party hereunder:

(a) Upon the occurrence of an Event of Default, the non-defaulting Party shall have the right to (i) continue performance under this Agreement and exercise such rights and remedies as it may have at law, in equity or under this Agreement and seek remedies as may be necessary or desirable to enforce performance and observation of any obligations and covenants under this Agreement, so long as such rights and remedies are not duplicative of any other rights and remedies hereof, and do not otherwise enable the non-defaulting Party to obtain performance or payments in excess of the performance and payments to which it is otherwise entitled pursuant to this Agreement, or (ii) at its option, give such defaulting Party a written notice (a "Termination Notice") terminating this Agreement. Upon a termination for an Event of Default under Section 7.1(a), (b) or (c)(iii) and (iv), such termination shall be effective as of the date specified in the Termination Notice, which date shall be no earlier than the date such notice is effective and no later than thirty (30) days after the date of such notice is provided to the defaulting Party in accordance with Article 8. Upon a termination for an Event of Default under Section 7.1(c)(i) or (ii), such termination shall be effective as of the Event of Default, upon notice being provided to the defaulting Party in accordance with Article 8. Any attempted cure by a defaulting Party after a Termination Notice has been provided or the effective termination under Section 7.1(c)(i) or (ii) shall be void and of no effect. The Parties' obligations under this Agreement, in general and under this Section 7.2 in particular, are subject to the duty to mitigate damages as provided under common law.

(b) At any time after the occurrence of an Event of Default, or the delivery of a Termination Notice to the defaulting Party by the non-defaulting Party, the non-defaulting Party may exercise any rights it may have pursuant to the Section 7.3 (Security).

(c) In the event of termination for an Event of Default as provided in Section 7.1, in addition to any amounts owed for performance (or failure to perform) hereunder prior to such termination, the non-defaulting Party may recover, without duplication, its direct damages resulting from such Event of Default; such damages shall include the positive (if any) present value of this Agreement to the non-defaulting Party for the portion of the Delivery Term remaining at the time of such termination, to be determined by reference to market prices, transaction costs and load reasonably projected for the remaining portion of the Delivery Term ("Termination Damages"). The Termination Damages shall include all reasonably incurred transaction costs and expenses that otherwise would not have been incurred by the non-defaulting Party. In determining its Termination Damages, the non-defaulting Party shall offset its losses and costs by any gains or savings realized by the non-defaulting Party as a result of the termination.

Payment of Termination Damages, if any, shall be made by the defaulting Party to the nondefaulting Party within five (5) days after calculation of such Termination Damages and receipt of a notice including such calculation of the amounts owed hereunder and a written statement showing in reasonable detail the calculation and a summary of the method used to determine such amounts. Upon the reasonable request of the defaulting Party, the non-defaulting Party shall provide reasonable documentation to verify the costs underlying the Termination Damages. If the defaulting Party disputes the non-defaulting Party's calculation of the Termination Damages, in whole or in part, the defaulting Party shall, within five (5) days of receipt of the non-defaulting Party's calculation of the Termination Damages, provide to the non-defaulting Party a detailed written explanation of the basis for such dispute; provided, however, that, the defaulting Party shall first pay the Termination Damages, if any, to the non-defaulting Party in accordance with the preceding sentence, and the non-defaulting Party shall then deposit such disputed amount into an interest bearing escrow account for the benefit of the prevailing Party and the dispute shall be resolved in accordance with Section 15.2.

(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the cure of any default or failure to comply with, observe or perform any covenant, warranty or obligation under this Agreement

within the period provided therefor in this Article shall not release such defaulting Party from its obligations under Section 9.2 of this Agreement.

(e) Upon termination the Buyer shall, and upon the occurrence of an Event of Default by Seller, the Buyer shall have the right to, immediately notify the ISO that (i) the assignment from the Buyer to Seller of the applicable Ownership Share has been terminated, (ii) the Load Assets shall be removed from Seller's account and placed in the account of the Buyer and (iii) Seller consents to such action. In the event the Buyer so notifies the ISO, Seller shall immediately take any and all actions that may be required by the ISO to remove the Load Assets from Seller's account and place them in the account of the Buyer. If the Agreement has not been terminated, the Buyer, in its sole discretion with 5 Business Days prior notice to Seller, may elect to assign the applicable Ownership Share of the Load Assets to the account of Seller and Seller shall accept such assignment, consistent with the actions required by Section 6.4 of this Agreement.

#### Section 7.3 <u>Security</u>

(a) If (i) with respect to Seller or Seller's credit support provider, [Seller's credit support provider], the Credit Rating of Seller or Seller's credit support provider is downgraded by Moody's and S&P, such that its Credit Rating is below an Investment Grade; or (ii) with respect to Buyer, its Shareholder Equity is at any time less than \$25,000,000 (each a "Downgrade Event"), then within three (3) Business Days after a request of the other Party, the downgraded Party shall deliver the applicable amount of performance assurance required pursuant to this Article 7 ("Performance Assurance") to the other Party ("Compliant Party").

(b) If Performance Assurance is required to be posted by a Party pursuant to the immediately preceding paragraph, the following Sections 7.3(b)(i) through 7.3(b)(iv) shall apply:

(i) The Compliant Party shall calculate its exposure under this Agreement as soon as practicable after the Downgrade Event, and on a monthly basis thereafter ("Performance Assurance Calculation Date").

(ii) All Performance Assurance shall be delivered in the form of: (i) U.S. Dollars delivered by wire transfer of immediately available funds ("Funds"); or (ii) a Letter of Credit from a Qualified Institution (as defined herein). For purposes of determining the amount of Performance Assurance held at any time, a Letter of Credit shall be valued at zero unless it expires more than thirty (30) days after the date of valuation. For purposes of this Agreement, the Parties acknowledge that any Performance Assurance provided by Buyer shall be in the form of Funds as defined in this Section 7.3. For purposes hereof, "Letter(s) of Credit" means one or more irrevocable, transferable standby letters of credit issued by a U.S. commercial bank or a U.S. branch of a foreign bank (which is not an affiliate of either Party) with such bank having a credit rating of at least A- from S&P and A3 from Moody's, having \$1,000,000,000 in assets (a "Qualified Institution"), and otherwise being in a form acceptable to the Party in whose favor the letter of credit is issued. Costs of a Letter of Credit shall be borne by the applicant for such Letter of Credit.

(iii) For purposes hereof, it shall be a Letter of Credit Default ("Letter of Credit Default") with respect to an outstanding Letter of Credit, upon the occurrence of any of the following events: (i) the bank issuing the Letter of Credit shall fail to maintain a credit rating of at least "A-" by S&P and "A3" by Moody's, (ii) the bank issuing the

Letter of Credit shall fail to comply with or perform its obligations under such Letter of Credit if such failure shall be continuing after the lapse of any applicable grace period; (iii) the bank issuing the Letter of Credit shall disaffirm, disclaim, repudiate or reject, in whole or in part, or challenge the validity of such Letter of Credit; (iv) such Letter of Credit shall fail or cease to be in full force and effect at any time during the term of any outstanding transaction; or (v) the pledgor or the bank issuing the Letter of Credit shall fail to cause the renewal or replacement of the Letter of Credit to the secured party at least thirty (30) Business Days prior to the expiration of such Letter of Credit; provided, however, that no Letter of Credit Default shall occur in any event with respect to a Letter of Credit after the time such Letter of Credit is required to be canceled or returned to the pledgor in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. If a Letter of Credit Default occurs, then the Party which applied for such Letter of Credit shall have five (5) Business Days to cure the event(s) causing the Letter of Credit Default or to replace the Letter of Credit with a substitute Letter of Credit or Funds. Any failure to cure the event(s) causing the Letter of Credit Default or to provide a substitute Letter of Credit or Funds within five (5) Business Days of the event(s) leading to the Letter of Credit Default shall be an Event of Default under Section 7.1(c)(iv).

The Compliant Party will be entitled to hold posted Performance (iv) Assurance, provided that the following conditions applicable to it are satisfied: (1) the Compliant Party is not a defaulting Party; (2) the Compliant Party or Seller has and maintains an Investment Grade Credit Rating or at least the minimum Shareholder Equity required in Section 7.3(a), as applicable; and (3) the posted Performance Assurance is held only in the United States. For funds held as Performance Assurance by the Compliant Party, the Interest Rate will be the Federal Funds Rate as from time to time in effect. "Federal Funds Rate" means, for the relevant determination date, the rate opposite the caption "Federal Funds (Effective)" as set forth in the weekly statistical release designated as H.15 (519), or any successor publication, published by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. Such interest shall be calculated commencing on the date Performance Assurance in the form of cash is received by a Party but excluding the earlier of: (i) the date Performance Assurance in the form of cash is returned to a Party; or (ii) the date Performance Assurance in the form of cash is applied to a pledgor's obligations pursuant to Section 7.3 with the net amount of interest accrued monthly being payable on the third Business Day of the following month. A Party holding Performance Assurance may apply such Performance Assurance, without prior notice to the other party, to satisfy the obligations of the other Party in accordance with Section 7.2. Each Party hereby covenants and agrees that it shall be entitled herein to hold posted Performance Assurance as custodian on its own behalf as a secured party if it meets the criteria set forth above in this Section 7.3. However, if the Party holding Performance Assurance is not eligible to hold posted Performance Assurance pursuant to this Section 7.3, then such Party shall be considered ineligible to hold posted Performance Assurance as a secured party and such posted Performance Assurance shall be maintained as follows: the ineligible secured party will cause all posted Performance Assurance received from the other Party to be segregated from the secured party's own property and identified clearly as Performance Assurance and to be held in an account in which no property of the secured party is held (a "Collateral Account") with a domestic office of a Qualified Institution, each of which accounts may include property of other parties which have delivered posted Performance Assurance to the secured party under

other agreements, but will bear a title indicating that the secured party's interest in said account is as a holder of collateral. Such accounts will bear interest at the rate offered by the Qualified Institution. In addition, the secured party may direct the pledgor to transfer or deliver eligible Performance Assurance directly into the secured party's Collateral Account. The secured party shall cause statements concerning the posted Performance Assurance transferred or delivered by the pledgor to be sent to the pledgor on request, which may not be made more frequently than once in each calendar month.

(c) Prior to the Commencement Date and at any time upon the request by Buyer of Seller or by Seller of Buyer, the Party to whom the request is made shall establish that it meets the Credit Requirements by providing (x) a certificate of one of its authorized officers, accompanied by supporting certified financial statements and (y) documentation of its Credit Rating or its Shareholder Equity, as applicable. Buyer and Seller shall inform the other Party within one (1) Business Day of any failure to satisfy the Credit Requirements, provided that, in no event, shall the failure of a Party to provide the notice required pursuant to this sentence constitute a default or an Event of Default pursuant to Section 7.1.

#### Section 7.4 Forward Contract

Each Party represents and warrants to the other that it is a "forward contract merchant" within the meaning of the United States Bankruptcy Code, that this Agreement is a "forward contract" within the meaning of the United States Bankruptcy Code, and that the remedies identified in this Agreement, including those specified in Section 7, shall be "contractual rights" as provided for in 11 U.S.C. § 556 as that provision may be amended from time to time.

#### ARTICLE 8. NOTICES, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PARTIES

#### Section 8.1 <u>Notices</u>

Any notice, demand, or request required or authorized by this Agreement to be given by one Party to another Party shall be in writing. It shall either be sent by facsimile (with receipt confirmed by telephone), courier, personally delivered (including overnight delivery service) or mailed, postage prepaid, to the representative of the other Party designated in accordance with this Article. Any such notice, demand, or request shall be deemed to be given (i) when sent by facsimile confirmed by telephone, (ii) when actually received if delivered by courier or personal delivery (including overnight delivery service) or (iii) seven (7) days after deposit in the United States mail, if sent by first class mail return receipt requested.

Notices and other communications by Seller to the Buyer shall be addressed to:

Mr. Robert S. Furino Vice President Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. 6 Liberty Lane West Hampton, NH 03842 (603) 773-6452 (phone) (603) 773-6652 (fax) and

Notices concerning Article 7 shall also be sent to:

Mr. David Chong Treasurer Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. 6 Liberty Lane West Hampton, NH 03842 (603) 773-6612 (phone) (603) 773-6812 (fax)

Notices and other communications by the Buyer to Seller shall be addressed to:

[Name] [Company] [Address] [City, State & Zip] [Phone] [FAX]

Any Party may change its representative or address for notices by written notice to the other Party; however such notice shall not be effective until it is received by the other Party.

Section 8.2 <u>Authority of Representative</u>

The Parties' representatives shall have full authority to act for their respective Party in all matters relating to the performance of this Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a Party's representative shall not have the authority to amend, modify, or waive any provision of this Agreement unless they are duly authorized officers of their respective entities and such amendment, modification or waiver is made in accordance to Article 17.

#### ARTICLE 9. LIABILITY; INDEMNIFICATION; RELATIONSHIP OF PARTIES

#### Section 9.1 Limitation on Consequential, Incidental and Indirect Damages

EXCEPT AS EXPRESSLY PROVIDED IN THIS AGREEMENT, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMISSIBLE BY LAW, NEITHER THE BUYER NOR SELLER, NOR THEIR RESPECTIVE OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, PARENT OR AFFILIATES, SUCCESSOR OR ASSIGNS, OR THEIR RESPECTIVE OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AGENTS, OR EMPLOYEES, SUCCESSORS, OR ASSIGNS, SHALL BE LIABLE TO THE OTHER PARTY OR ITS PARENT, SUBSIDIARIES, AFFILIATES, OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, SUCCESSORS OR ASSIGNS, FOR CLAIMS, SUITS, ACTIONS OR CAUSES OF ACTION FOR INCIDENTAL, INDIRECT, SPECIAL, PUNITIVE, MULTIPLE OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES (INCLUDING ATTORNEY'S FEES OR LITIGATION COSTS EXCEPT AS EXPRESSLY PROVIDED IN 15.2) CONNECTED WITH OR RESULTING FROM PERFORMANCE OR NON-PERFORMANCE OF THIS AGREEMENT, OR ANY ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN IN CONNECTION WITH OR RELATED TO THIS AGREEMENT, INCLUDING ANY SUCH DAMAGES WHICH ARE BASED UPON CAUSES OF ACTION FOR BREACH OF CONTRACT, TORT (INCLUDING NEGLIGENCE AND MISREPRESENTATION), BREACH OF WARRANTY, STRICT LIABILITY, STATUTE, OPERATION OF LAW, OR ANY OTHER THEORY OF RECOVERY. THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION SHALL REGARDLESS OF FAULT AND **SURVIVE** APPLY SHALL TERMINATION. COMPLETION OR CANCELLATION, SUSPENSION, **EXPIRATION** OF THIS AGREEMENT.

#### Section 9.2 Indemnification

(a) Seller agrees to defend, indemnify and save the Buyer, its officers, directors, employees, agents, successors assigns, and Affiliates and their officers, directors, employees and agents harmless from and against any and all third-party claims, suits, actions or causes of action and any resulting losses, damages, charges, costs or expenses, (including reasonable attorneys' fees and court costs), arising from or in connection with any (a) breach of a representation or warranty or failure to perform any covenant or agreement in this Agreement by Seller, (b) any violation of applicable law, regulation or order by Seller, (c) any act or omission by Seller with respect to this Agreement, first arising, occurring or existing during the term of this Agreement, whether incurred by settlement or otherwise, and whether such claims or actions are threatened or filed prior to or after the termination of this Agreement, except to the extent caused by an act of gross negligence or willful misconduct by an officer, director, agent, employee, or Affiliate of the Buyer or its respective successors or assigns.

(b) The Buyer agrees to defend, indemnify and save Seller, its officers, directors, employees, agents, successor, assigns, and Affiliates and their officers, directors, employees and agents harmless from and against any and all third-party claims, suits, actions or causes of action and any resulting losses, damages, charges, costs or expenses, (including reasonable attorneys' fees and court costs), arising from or in connection with any (a) breach of representation or warranty or failure to perform any covenant or agreement in this Agreement by said Buyer, (b) any violation of applicable law, regulation or order by said Buyer, (c) any act or omission by the Buyer, with respect to this Agreement first arising, occurring or existing during the term of this Agreement, whether incurred by settlement or otherwise, and whether such claims or actions are threatened or filed prior to or after the termination of this Agreement, except to the extent caused by an act of gross negligence or willful misconduct by an officer, director, agent, employee or Affiliate of Seller or its respective successors or assigns.

(c) If any Party intends to seek indemnification under this Section from the other Party with respect to any action or claim, the Party seeking indemnification shall give the other Party notice of such claim or action within thirty (30) days of the later of the commencement of, or actual knowledge of, such claim or action; provided, however, that in the event such notice is delivered

more than thirty (30) days after the Party seeking indemnification knows of such claim or action, the indemnifying Party shall be relieved of its indemnity hereunder only if and to the extent such indemnifying Party was actually prejudiced by the delay. The Party seeking indemnification shall have the right, at its sole cost and expense, to participate in the defense of any such claim or action. The Party seeking indemnification shall not compromise or settle any such claim or action without the prior consent of the other Party, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

#### Section 9.3 Independent Contractor Status

Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as creating any relationship between the Buyer and Seller other than that of independent contractors for the sale and delivery of Requirements for Default Service.

#### ARTICLE 10. ASSIGNMENT

#### Section 10.1 <u>General Prohibition Against Assignments</u>

Except as provided in Section 10.2, neither Party shall assign, pledge or otherwise transfer this Agreement or any right or obligation under this Agreement without first obtaining the other Party's written consent, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

#### Section 10.2 Exceptions to Prohibition Against Assignments

(a) Seller may, without the Buyer's prior written consent, collaterally assign this Agreement in connection with financing arrangements provided that any such collateral assignment that provides for the Buyer to direct payments to the collateral agent (i) shall be in writing, (ii) shall not be altered or amended without prior written notice to the Buyer from both Seller and the collateral agent, and (iii) provided that any payment made by the Buyer to the collateral agent shall discharge the Buyer's obligation as fully and to the same extent as if it had been made to the Seller. Seller must provide the Buyer at least ten (10) days advance written notice of collateral assignment and provide copies of any such assignment and relevant agreements or writings.

(b) The Buyer may assign all or a portion of its rights and obligations under this Agreement to any Affiliate of the Buyer without consent of Seller.

(c) Either Party may, upon written notice to the other Party, assign its rights and obligations hereunder, or transfer such rights and obligations by operation of law, to any entity with which or into which such Party shall merge or consolidate or to which such Party shall transfer all or substantially all of its assets, provided that such other entity agrees to assume the rights and obligations hereunder and be bound by the terms hereof and provided further, that such other entity's creditworthiness is equal to or higher than that of the assignor, in which case the assignor shall be relieved of any obligation or liability hereunder as a result of such assignment.

# ARTICLE 11. SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS

This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and shall be binding upon the Parties hereto and their respective successors and permitted assigns.

## ARTICLE 12. FORCE MAJEURE

(a) Force Majeure shall include but not be limited to acts of God, earthquakes, fires, floods, storms, strikes, labor disputes, riots, insurrections, acts of war (whether declared or otherwise), acts of governmental, regulatory or judicial bodies, but if and only to the extent that such event or circumstance (i) directly affects the availability of the transmission or distribution facilities of NEPOOL, the Buyer or an Affiliate of the Buyer necessary to provide service to the Buyer's customers which are taking service pursuant to the Retail Delivery Tariff and (ii) it is not within the reasonable control of, or the result of the negligence of, the claiming Party, and which, by the exercise of due diligence, the claiming Party is unable to overcome or avoid or cause to be avoided. Force Majeure shall not be based on (A) fluctuations in Default Service, (B) the cost to a Party to overcome or avoid, or cause to be avoided, the event or circumstance affecting such Party's performance or (C) events affecting the availability or cost of operating any generating facility.

(b) To the extent that either Party is prevented by Force Majeure from carrying out, in whole or in part, its obligations hereunder and (i) such Party gives notice and detail of the Force Majeure to the other Party as soon as practicable after the onset of the Force Majeure, including an estimate of its expected duration and the probable impact on the performance of its obligations hereunder; (ii) the suspension of performance is of no greater scope and of no longer duration than is required by the Force Majeure, and (iii) the Party claiming Force Majeure uses commercially reasonable efforts to remedy or remove the inability to perform caused by Force Majeure, then the affected Party shall be excused from the performance of its obligations prevented by Force Majeure. However, neither Party shall be required to pay for any obligation the performance of which is excused by Force Majeure. This paragraph shall not require the settlement of any strike, walkout, lockout or other labor dispute on terms which, in the sole judgment of the Party involved in the dispute are contrary to its interest. It is understood and agreed that the settlement of strikes, walkouts, lockouts or other labor disputes shall be entirely within the discretion of the Party involved in the dispute.

(c) No obligations of either Party which arose before the Force Majeure occurrence causing the suspension of performance shall be excused as a result of the Force Majeure.

(d) Prior to the resumption of performance suspended as a result of a Force Majeure occurrence, the Party claiming the Force Majeure shall give the other Party written notice of such resumption.

# ARTICLE 13. WAIVERS

No delay or omission in the exercise of any right under this Agreement shall impair any such right or shall be taken, construed or considered as a waiver or relinquishment thereof, but any such right may be exercised from time to time and as often as may be deemed expedient. The waiver of any single breach or default of any term or condition of this Agreement shall not be deemed to constitute the waiver of any other prior or subsequent breach or default of the Agreement or any other term or condition.

# ARTICLE 14. LAWS AND REGULATIONS

(a) This Agreement and all rights, obligations, and performances of the Parties hereunder, are subject to all applicable federal and state laws, and to all duly promulgated orders and other duly authorized action of governmental authorities having jurisdiction hereof.

(b) The rates, terms and conditions contained in this Agreement are not subject to change under Section 205 of the Federal Power Act as that section may be amended or superseded, absent the mutual written agreement of the Parties. Each Party irrevocably waives its rights, including its rights under §§ 205-206 of the Federal Power Act, unilaterally to seek or support a change in the rate(s), charges, classifications, terms or conditions of this Agreement or any other agreements entered into in connection with this Agreement. By this provision, each Party expressly waives its right to seek or support: (i) an order from FERC finding that the marketbased rate(s), charges, classifications, terms or conditions agreed to by the Parties in the Agreement are unjust and unreasonable; or (ii) any refund with respect thereto. Each Party agrees not to make or support such a filing or request, and that these covenants and waivers shall be binding notwithstanding any regulatory or market changes that may occur hereafter.

(c) Absent the agreement of all Parties to a proposed change, the standard of review for changes to this Agreement proposed by a non-party or the Commission acting sua sponte shall be the "public interest" standard of review set forth in United Gas Pipe Line Co. v. Mobile Gas Service Corp., 350 U.S. 332 (1956) and Federal Power Commission v. Sierra Pacific Power Co., 350 U.S. 348 (1956) (the "Mobile-Sierra" doctrine).

#### **ARTICLE 15. INTERPRETATION, DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

Section 15.1 <u>Governing Law</u>

The Agreement shall be governed by and construed and performed in accordance with the laws of the State of New Hampshire, without giving effect to its conflict of laws principles.

Section 15.2 Dispute Resolution

All disputes between the Buyer and Seller under this Agreement shall be referred, upon notice by one Party to the other Party, to a senior manager of Seller designated by Seller, and a senior manager of the Buyer designated by the Buyer, for resolution on an informal basis as promptly as practicable. In the event the designated senior managers are unable to resolve the dispute within ten (10) days of receipt of the notice, or such other period to which the Parties may jointly agree, such dispute shall be submitted to arbitration and resolved in accordance with the

arbitration procedure set forth in this Section. The arbitration shall be conducted in Concord, New Hampshire before a single neutral arbitrator mutually agreed to and appointed by the Parties. If the Parties fail to agree upon a single arbitrator within ten (10) days of the referral of the dispute to arbitration, Seller and the Buyer shall each choose one arbitrator, who shall sit on a three-member arbitration panel. The two arbitrators so chosen shall within ten (10) days select a third arbitrator to act as chairman of the arbitration panel. In either case, the arbitrator(s) shall be knowledgeable in electric utility matters, including wholesale power transactions and power market issues, and shall not have any current or past material business or financial relationships with either Party or a witness for either Party and shall not have a direct or indirect interest in any Party or the subject matter of the arbitration. The arbitrator(s) shall afford each of the Parties an opportunity to be heard and, except as otherwise provided herein, shall generally conduct the arbitration in accordance with the then-current arbitration rules of the CPR Institute for Dispute Resolution (formerly known as the Center for Public Resources), unless otherwise mutually agreed by the Parties. There shall be no formal discovery conducted in connection with the arbitration unless otherwise mutually agreed by the Parties; provided, however, that the Parties shall exchange witness lists and copies of any exhibits that they intend to utilize in their direct presentations at any hearing before the arbitrator(s) at least ten (10) days prior to such hearing, along with any other information or documents specifically requested by the arbitrator(s) prior to the hearing. Any offer made and the details of any negotiations to resolve the dispute shall not be admissible in the arbitration or otherwise. Unless otherwise agreed, the arbitrator(s) shall render a decision within ninety (90) days of his, her or their appointment and shall notify the Parties in writing of such decision and the reasons therefore, and shall make an award apportioning the payment of the costs and expenses of arbitration among the Parties; provided, however, that each Party shall bear the costs and expenses of its own attorneys, expert witnesses and consultants unless the arbitrator(s), based upon a determination of good cause, awards attorneys fees and legal and other costs to the prevailing Party. The arbitrator(s) shall be authorized only to interpret and apply the provisions of this Agreement and shall have no power to modify or change the Agreement in any manner. The decision of the arbitrator(s) shall be final and binding upon the Parties, and judgment on the award may be entered in any court having jurisdiction, subject expressly to Section 15.3. The decision of the arbitrator(s) may be appealed solely on the grounds that the conduct of the arbitrator(s), or the decision itself, violated the standards set forth in the Federal Arbitration Act and/or the Administrative Dispute Resolution Act. Nothing in this paragraph shall impair the ability of a Party to exercise any right or remedy it has under this Agreement, including those in Article 7.

#### Section 15.3 Venue; Waiver of Jury Trial

Each Party hereto irrevocably (i) submits to the exclusive jurisdiction of the federal and state courts located in the State of New Hampshire; (ii) waives any objection which it may have to the laying of venue of any proceedings brought in any such court; and (iii) waives any claim that such proceedings have been brought in an inconvenient forum. EACH PARTY WAIVES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, ANY RIGHT IT MAY HAVE TO A TRIAL BY JURY IN RESPECT OF ANY SUIT, ACTION OR PROCEEDING RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT.

# ARTICLE 16. SEVERABILITY

Any provision declared or rendered unlawful by any applicable court of law or regulatory agency or deemed unlawful because of a statutory change will not otherwise affect the remaining provisions and lawful obligations that arise under this Agreement. If any provision of this Agreement, or the application thereof to any Party or any circumstance, is invalid or unenforceable, (a) a suitable and equitable provision shall be substituted therefor in order to carry out, so far as may be valid and enforceable, the intent and purpose of such invalid or unenforceable provision, and (b) the remainder of this Agreement and the application of such provision or circumstances shall not be affected by such invalidity or unenforceability.

# ARTICLE 17. MODIFICATIONS

No modification or amendment of this Agreement will be binding on any Party unless it is in writing and signed by both Parties.

# ARTICLE 18. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This Agreement, including the Appendices, the tariffs and agreements referred to herein or therein, embody the entire agreement and understanding of the Parties in respect of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement. There are no restrictions, promises, representations, warranties, covenants or undertakings, other than those expressly set forth or referred to herein or therein. It is expressly acknowledged and agreed that there are no restrictions, promises, representations, warranties, covenants or undertakings contained in any material provided or otherwise made available by the Seller or the Buyer to each other. This Agreement supersedes all prior agreements and understandings between the Parties with respect to the transactions contemplated hereby.

# ARTICLE 19. COUNTERPARTS

This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, and each executed counterpart shall have the same force and effect as an original instrument.

# ARTICLE 20. INTERPRETATION; CONSTRUCTION

The article and section headings contained in this Agreement are solely for the purpose of reference, are not part of the agreement of the Parties and shall not in any way affect the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement. For purposes of this Agreement, the term "including" shall mean "including, without limitation". The Parties acknowledge that, each Party and its counsel have reviewed and or revised this Agreement and that any rule of construction to the effect that any ambiguities are to be resolved against the drafting Party shall not be employed in the interpretation of this Agreement, and it is the result of joint discussion and negotiation.

# ARTICLE 21. REPRESENTATIONS; WARRANTIES AND COVENANTS

Each Party represents to the other Party, upon execution and continuing throughout the term of this Agreement, as follows:

(a) It is duly organized in the form of business entity set forth in the first paragraph of this Agreement, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of its state of its organization and has all requisite power and authority to carry on its business as is now being conducted, including all regulatory authorizations as necessary for it to legally perform its obligations hereunder.

(b) It has full power and authority to execute and deliver this Agreement and to consummate and perform the transactions contemplated hereby. This Agreement has been duly and validly executed and delivered by it, and, assuming that this Agreement constitutes a valid and binding agreement of the other Party, constitutes its valid and binding agreement, enforceable against it in accordance with its terms, subject to bankruptcy, insolvency, fraudulent transfer, reorganization, moratorium and similar laws of general applicability relating to or affecting creditors' rights and to general equity principles.

(c) Such execution, delivery and performance do not violate or conflict with any law applicable to it, any provision of its constitutional documents, or the terms of any note, bond, mortgage, indenture, deed of trust, license, franchise, permit, concession, contract, lease or other instrument to which it is bound, any order or judgment of any court or other agency of government applicable to it or any of its assets or any contractual restriction binding on or affecting it or any of its assets.

(d) No declaration, filing with, notice to, or authorization, permit, consent or approval of any governmental authority is required for the execution and delivery of this Agreement by it or the performance by it of its obligations hereunder, other than such declarations, filings, registrations, notices, authorizations, permits, consents or approvals which, if not obtained or made, will not, in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect.

(e) Neither the execution and delivery of this Agreement by it will nor the performance by it of its obligations under this Agreement will or does (i) conflict with or result in any breach of any provision of its Governing Documents, (ii) result in a default (or give rise to any right of termination, cancellation or acceleration) under any of the terms, conditions or provisions of any note, bond, mortgage, indenture, license, agreement or other instrument or obligation to which it or any of its subsidiaries is a party or by which it or any of its subsidiaries is bound, except for such defaults (or rights of termination, cancellation or acceleration) as to which requisite waivers or consents have been obtained or which, in the aggregate, would not have a Material Adverse Effect; or (iii) violate any order, writ, injunction, decree, statute, rule or regulation applicable to it, which violation would have a Material Adverse Effect.

(f) There are no claims, actions, proceedings or investigations pending or, to its knowledge, threatened against or relating to it before any governmental authority acting in an adjudicative capacity relating to the transactions contemplated hereby that could have a Material Adverse Effect. It is not subject to any outstanding judgment, rule, order, writ, injunction or decree of any court or governmental authority which, individually or in the aggregate, would create a Material Adverse Effect.

(g) There are no bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, receivership or other similar proceedings pending or being contemplated by it, or of its knowledge threatened against it.

(h) It is a signatory to the Market Participant Service Agreement and is in compliance with all ISO Rules, including the ISO Financial Assurance Policy.

(i) It is acting for its own account, has made its own independent decision to enter into this Agreement and as to whether this Agreement is appropriate or proper for it based upon its own judgment, is not relying upon the advice or recommendations of the other Party hereto, and is capable of assessing the merits of and understanding, and understands and accepts, the terms, conditions and risks of this Agreement.

#### ARTICLE 22. CONSENTS AND APPROVALS

The Parties shall cooperate so that each Party may take such actions as necessary and required for the other Party to effectuate and comply with this Agreement including to (i) promptly prepare and file all necessary documentation, (ii) effect all necessary applications, notices, petitions and filings and execute all agreements and documents, and (iii) use all commercially reasonable efforts to obtain all necessary consents, approvals and authorizations of all other entities, in the case of each of the foregoing clauses (i), (ii) and (iii), necessary or advisable to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement. The Buyer shall have the right to review and approve in advance all characterizations of the information relating to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement which appear in any filing, press release or public announcement made in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby.

# ARTICLE 23. CONFIDENTIALITY

Seller acknowledges that Seller's identity will be publicly disclosed in the NHPUC order approving or denying the Buyer's inclusion in retail rates of the amounts payable by Buyer to Seller under this Agreement as described in Section 3.8. Neither Seller nor the Buyer shall provide copies of this Agreement or disclose the contents thereof (the "Confidential Terms") to any third party without the prior written consent of the other Party; provided, however, that either Party may provide a copy of the Confidential Terms, in whole or in part to (1) any regulatory agency requesting and/or requiring such Confidential Terms, provided that any such disclosure must include a request for confidential treatment of the Confidential Terms, and (2) an Affiliate if related to the Party's performance of its obligations hereunder, provided that such Affiliate agrees to treat the Confidential Terms as confidential in accordance with this clause.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have caused their duly authorized representatives to execute this Agreement on their behalf as of the date first above written.

## UNITIL ENERGY SYSTEMS, INC.

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

Robert S. Furino Vice President

[COMPANY]

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

Its \_\_\_\_\_

## **APPENDIX A**

Service Requirements Matrix

## By Service Requirement, Load Asset Name and ID, Load Responsibility,

and Applicable Period

## [List All Active Transactions]

#### For service pursuant to Buyer's RFP issued on August 29, 2017

Service Requirement	Load Asset Name and ID	Load Responsibility	Schedule 1	Schedule 2
UES Small Default Load	Small Customer Group, 11451	100%	December 1, 2017	May 31, 2018
UES Medium Default Load	Medium Customer Group, 11452	100%	December 1, 2017	May 31, 2018
UES Large Customer Group	UES Large Default Load, 10019	100%	December 1, 2017	May 31, 2018

## **APPENDIX B**

Monthly Contract Rate by Service Requirement Dollars per MWh

#### For service pursuant to Buyer's RFP issued on August 29, 2017

Service Requirement	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18
100% UES Small Customer Group (6 months)						

Service Requirement	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18
100% UES Medium Customer Group (6 months)						

The following are Fixed Monthly Adders. Please refer to Section 5.1 for calculation of Contract Rate							
Service RequirementDec-17Jan-18Feb-18Mar-18Apr-18May-18							
100% UES Large Customer Group (6 months)							

## **APPENDIX C**

# POINTS OF INTERCONNECTION, REFERRED TO AS DELIVERY POINT

<b>Points of Interconnection</b>	<u>Nominal Delivery</u> <u>Voltage</u>	Metering Point	<u>Nominal</u> Metering Voltage
Garvins	3φ, 4 wire, 19.9/34.5 kV	At Delivery Point	3¢, 4 wire, 19.9/34.5 kV
Concord Steam	3ø, 4 wire, 7.9/13.8 kV	At Connection Point	3ø, 4 wire, 7.9/13.8 kV
New Hampshire Hydro			
Lower Penacook Falls (1)	3ø, 4 wire, 19.9/34.5 kV	At Connection Point	3ø, 4 wire, 19.9/34.5 kV
Upper Penacook Falls (1)	3ø, 4 wire, 19.9/34.5 kV	At Connection Point	3ø, 4 wire, 19.9/34.5 kV
Briar Hydro (1)	3φ, 4 wire, 19.9/34.5 kV	At Connection Point	3φ, 4 wire, 19.9/34.5 kV
SES Concord Company L.P. (1)	3ø, 4 wire, 19.9/34.5 kV	At Connection Point	3φ, 4 wire, 19.9/34.5 kV
Hollis (Plains)	3ø, 4 wire, 19.9/34.5 kV	At Delivery Point	3ø, 4 wire, 19.9/34.5 kV
Penacook	3ø, 4 wire, 19.9/34.5 kV	At Delivery Point	3ø, 4 wire, 19.9/34.5 kV
Danville	3ø, 4 wire, 19.9/34.5 kV	At Delivery Point	3ø, 4 wire, 19.9/34.5 kV
Guinea Road	3¢, 4 wire, 19.9/34.5 kV	At Delivery Point	3ø, 4 wire, 19.9/34.5 kV
Kingston	3ø, 4 wire, 19.9/34.5 kV	At Delivery Point	3ø, 4 wire, 19.9/34.5 kV
Timber Swamp	3ø, 4 wire, 19.9/34.5 kV	At Delivery Point	3φ, 4 wire, 19.9/34.5 kV
Great Bay	3φ, 4 wire, 19.9/34.5 kV	At Delivery Point	3ø, 4 wire, 19.9/34.5 kV

(1) Small power producer purchase delivery points.

# **Appendix B1: Power Sales Agreement Amendment**

See file named "App\_B1\_UES\_PSA\_Amendment\_2017-08.doc"

#### AMENDMENT No. [X]

OF

#### **POWER SALES AGREEMENT**

This Amendment No. [X] ("Amendment No. [X]"), dated and effective as of September 27, 2017 (the "Effective Date"), amends the Power Sales Agreement, dated [DATE] (the "Agreement") between UNITIL ENERGY SYSTEMS, INC. ("Buyer") and [COMPANY NAME] ("Seller") (collectively, the "Parties").

Notwithstanding Article 21(d) of the Agreement or anything else to the contrary in either this Amendment No. [X] or the Agreement, the Parties' obligations under this Amendment No. [X] are subject to Buyer obtaining approval from the NHPUC of the inclusion in retail rates of the amounts payable by Buyer to Seller under this Amendment No. [X], without material modification to the obligations of either Party under this Amendment No. [X]. Buyer shall use its best efforts to obtain prompt approval of such rates. If Buyer is unable to obtain NHPUC approval by **October 6, 2017**, Buyer and Seller agree to review the status of such approval process and determine whether to continue to pursue the transaction contemplated in this Amendment No. [X]. If the Parties cannot agree as to how to continue such transaction, this Amendment No. [X] shall terminate and be null and void without liability to either Party.

Buyer shall bear the cost of the NHPUC filing described above except for any costs associated with Seller's intervention. Buyer shall request that the NHPUC give confidential treatment to the terms of this Amendment No. [X], which is the result of a competitive solicitation held by Buyer.

The Parties hereby agree to further amend the Agreement as follows:

- 1. Appendix A is amended as attached hereto. The amendment adds a new section reflecting the results of the RFP issued by Buyer on August 29, 2017.
- 2. Appendix B is amended as attached hereto. The amendment adds pricing associated with the results of the RFP issued by Buyer on August 29, 2017.
- 3. Appendix B indicates that the prices listed for the Large Customer Group are Fixed Monthly Adders, therefore the Contract Rate will be calculated as the sum of the Average Weighted RT LMP and the Fixed Monthly Adder as shown in Equation 1. The Average Weighted RT LMP is calculated in accordance with Equation 2.

#### Equation 1

*Contract Rate = Average Weighted RT LMP + Fixed Monthly Adder* 

The Average Weighted RT LMP shall be calculated using the MWH of Delivered Energy reported for the Large Customer Group default service load asset, Load

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Asset number 10019, and the hourly real time locational marginal prices ("RT LMP") for the settlement location of Load Asset 10019, which is currently the New Hampshire Load Zone (4002). The Average Weighted RT LMP equals the sum of the products of the RT LMP and the Delivered Energy (MWH) of Load Asset 10019 in each hour of the month of service, divided by the sum of Delivered Energy (MWH) of Load Asset 10019 for the month of service, as shown in Equation 2.

#### **Equation 2**

Average Weighted RT LMP =  $\frac{Sum [hourly RT LMP * hourly Delivered Energy (MWH) of Load Asset 10}{Sum [hourly Delivered Energy (MWH) of Load Asset 10019]}$ 

The Large Customer Group prices listed in Appendix B are Fixed Monthly Adders requiring the Contract Rate to be calculated as described in Equation 1 and Equation 2, and the Contract Rate will be determined and affirmed by both Buyer and Seller by the third business day following the month of service. Once agreed upon, the Contract Rate for the month of service shall be final and shall not be subject to change in the event that either the New Hampshire RT LMP or the Delivered Energy (MWH) of Load Asset 10019 are subsequently revised or restated.

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Page 2 of 5 00163 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have caused their duly authorized representatives to execute and deliver this Amendment No. [X] to the Agreement effective as of the Effective Date.

#### Unitil Energy Systems, Inc.

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

Robert S. Furino Vice President

[Seller]

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

Its\_\_\_\_\_

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## **APPENDIX** A

#### Service Requirements Matrix

# By Service Requirement, Load Asset Name and ID, Load Responsibility,

and Applicable Period

## [List All Active Transactions]

#### For service pursuant to Buyer's RFP issued on August 29, 2017

Service Requirement	Load Asset Name and ID	Load Responsibility	Schedule 1	Schedule 2
UES Small Default Load	Small Customer Group, 11451	100%	December 1, 2017	May 31, 2018
UES Medium Default Load Medium Customer Group, 11452		100%	December 1, 2017	May 31, 2018
UES Large Customer Group	UES Large Default Load, 10019	100%	December 1, 2017	May 31, 2018

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#### APPENDIX B Monthly Contract Rate by Service Requirement Dollars per MWh

[List All Active Transactions]

## For service pursuant to Buyer's RFP issued on March 1, 2017

Service Requirement	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18
100% UES Small Customer Group (6 months)						

Service Requirement	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18
100% UES Medium Customer Group (6 months)						

The following are Fixed Monthly Adders. Please refer to Section 5.1 for calculation of Contract Rate							
Service RequirementDec-17Jan-18Feb-18Mar-18Apr-18May-18						May-18	
100% UES Large Customer Group (6 months)							

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# Appendix C: Mutual Confidential Non-Disclosure Agreement

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#### MUTUAL CONFIDENTIAL NON-DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT

This MUTUAL CONFIDENTIAL NON-DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT is made as of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 201\_ between \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ("Company"), having a place of business at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. ("Unitil") having a principal place of business at 6 Liberty Lane West, Hampton, NH 03842, (together "the Parties," individually "a Party"). The Parties hereby agree that disclosures of Confidential Information shall be governed by the following terms and conditions. A Party receiving Confidential Information under this Agreement is referred to as "Recipient," and a Party disclosing Information is referred to as "Discloser."

1. Definition of Confidential Information. "Confidential Information" means any oral, written, graphic or machine-readable information including, but not limited to, any and all confidential and proprietary information relating to the Purpose, the Discloser, its affiliates or subsidiaries, and including all information or material that has or could have commercial value or other use in the business or the prospective business of the Discloser, disclosed by the Discloser to the Recipient in connection with this Agreement and the Purpose, whether committed to memory or embodied in writing or other tangible form. Confidential Information includes, without limitation, contracts, fees, accounts, records, customer and client information, agreements and any other incident of the Discloser's business disclosed to the Recipient, in each case provided in connection with this Agreement and Purpose. Confidential Information does not include any information which Recipient can document: (a) is known to Recipient or any of its Representatives on the non-confidential basis prior to the time of disclosure; (b) is independently developed by Recipient without use of the Confidential Information; (c) becomes known to Recipient from another source without confidentiality restriction on subsequent disclosure or use; (d) is or becomes part of the public domain through no wrongful act of Recipient; or (e) is information approved for disclosure or release by the Recipient by written authorization from the Discloser. Confidential Information does not include any source code or technical information

subject to a license that meets the requirements of the Open source Definition. The Open Source Definition is found at <u>http://www.opensource.org/osd.html</u>.

- 2. **Purpose for Disclosure.** The parties may only use Confidential Information for the following purposes (the "Purpose"):
  - Negotiation of potential power supply and/or renewable energy credits purchase and sales transactions ("Transactions").
  - Negotiation of a potential base contract(s) or master agreement(s) pertaining to any Transactions ("Base Contracts").
  - Evaluation of either Parties creditworthiness in the context of either potential or existing Transactions and/or Base Contracts.
- 3. Non-Disclosure of Confidential Information. Recipient agrees: (i) to use the same degree of care, but no less than a reasonable degree of care, to protect against the unauthorized disclosure of Discloser's Confidential Information as it uses to protect its own Confidential Information; (ii) not to divulge any such Confidential Information or any information derived therefrom to any third person; (iii) not to make any use whatsoever at any time of such Confidential Information except as necessary in accordance with the Purpose; (iv) not to copy or reverse engineer any such Confidential Information; and (v) not to export or re-export (within the meaning of U.S. or other export control laws or regulations) any such Confidential Information or product thereof. Recipient agrees to disclose Confidential Information only to its directors, officers, employees, consultants, agents or independent contractors (its "Representatives") with a direct need to know to effect the Purpose, and who are bound by legally enforceable obligations of confidentiality no less restrictive than the terms of this Agreement. Recipient shall not remove the proprietary notices from Confidential Information. Each Party agrees to promptly notify the other Party in writing of any misuse or misappropriation of Confidential Information of the other Party of which it becomes aware.
- 4. **Mandatory Disclosure**. In the event that Recipient or its Representatives is requested or required by any competent judicial, governmental or regulatory body or by legal

process or applicable regulations or laws to disclose any of the Confidential Information of Discloser, Recipient shall give prompt notice so that Discloser may seek a protective order or other appropriate relief. If such protective order is not obtained, Recipient shall disclose only that portion of the Confidential Information that its counsel advises that it is legally required to disclose.

- 5. **Remedies.** Recipient acknowledges and agrees that due to the unique nature of Discloser's Confidential Information, there may be no adequate remedy at law for any breach of Recipient's obligations hereunder, which breach may result in irreparable harm to the Discloser and therefore, that upon any such breach of any threat thereof, the Discloser shall be entitled to seek appropriate equitable relief in addition to whatever remedies it might have at law.
- 6. Term. The foregoing commitments of each Party shall survive any termination of the Purpose, and shall remain in effect with respect to any particular Confidential Information unless and until the Recipient can document that one of the exceptions stated in Section 1 applies, or unless mutually agreed, as evidenced by writing, to a shorter period.
- 7. No Additional Agreements; No Prohibition on Agreements. Nothing herein shall obligate either Party to disclose any Confidential Information or negotiate or enter into any agreement or relationship with the other Party. Nothing herein shall prohibit a Party from entering into any arrangement or agreement with a third party.
- 8. **No Warranty**. The Parties understand and agree that Confidential Information is provided "as is"; neither Party shall have any responsibility to the other based on any claim that any information furnished hereunder was incorrect, incomplete, or defective in any way. Neither Party makes any warranties, whether express, implied or statutory, regarding the sufficiency of the information disclosed for any purpose, including warranties of merchantability, fitness for a particular purpose, and non-infringement.
- General. (a) <u>Assignment.</u> This Agreement is not assignable or transferable by either Party; any attempted assignment will be void and without effect, unless such assignment is agreed to in writing by both Parties. (b) <u>No Other Rights.</u> No rights,

title, license of any kind in any Confidential Information is provided hereunder, either expressly or by implication, estoppel or otherwise. (c) <u>No Agency</u>. This Agreement does not create any agency or partnership relationship. (d) <u>No Waiver</u>. No waiver of any provision of this Agreement, or a breach of this Agreement shall be effective unless it is in writing, signed by the Party waiving the provision or the breach. No waiver of a breach of this Agreement (whether express or implied) shall constitute a waiver of a subsequent breach of this Agreement. (e) <u>Choice of Law</u>. This Agreement will be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of New Hampshire, excluding its choice of laws rules. (f) <u>Complete Agreement</u>. This Agreement constitutes the complete agreement between the Parties on the subject matter identified herein. Any modifications to this Agreement must be made in writing and signed by both Parties.

Unitil Energy Systems, Inc.	(Company)
By:	By:
NAME (PRINT OR TYPE)	NAME (PRINT OR TYPE)
TITLE:	TITLE:
Date:	Date:

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#### Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. Customer Migration Report

#### RETAIL SALES (kWh) by CUSTOMER CLASS Competitive Generation Sales

		Competitive	e Generation Sales		
Month	DOMESTIC	REGULAR GENERAL	LARGE GENERAL	OUTDOOR LIGHTING	TOTAL
May-16	4,765,469	13,561,274	24,764,374	273,162	43,364,279
Jun-16	5,443,063	15,876,442	27,818,278	338,602	49,476,385
Jul-16	6,709,837	17,180,425	29,143,887	313,074	53,347,223
Aug-16	8,014,229	19,120,506	30,784,317	334,509	58,253,560
Sep-16	6,021,097	16,431,719	27,703,281	299,137	50,455,233
Oct-16	4,692,356	14,253,256	25,183,599	273,818	44,403,029
Nov-16	4,938,337	13,894,587	23,775,081	293,700	42,901,704
Dec-16	6,244,462	14,445,655	24,345,052	304,800	45,339,969
Jan-17	7,464,368	15,851,747	24,693,764	325,330	48,335,210
Feb-17	6,314,223	14,475,962	24,510,338	279,154	45,579,677
Mar-17	5,836,217	14,046,833	25,639,621	283,201	45,805,873
Apr-17	5,481,269	13,982,780	24,606,245	291,164	44,361,458
May-17	4,625,852	13,251,440	24,400,891	285,843	42,564,026
Jun-17	5,190,654	14,504,963	27,829,302	379,827	47,904,746

#### RETAIL SALES (kWh) by CUSTOMER CLASS Total Sales

		10	olai Sales		
Month	DOMESTIC	REGULAR GENERAL	LARGE GENERAL	OUTDOOR LIGHTING	TOTAL
Jun-16	36,048,775	28,697,598	30,747,800	719,942	96,214,114
Jul-16	45,249,395	32,227,222	32,732,952	692,676	110,902,245
Aug-16	55,811,821	36,503,032	35,598,590	723,439	128,636,882
Sep-16	42,761,441	30,862,070	31,702,613	658,793	105,984,917
Oct-16	32,960,390	25,960,281	27,982,369	630,564	87,533,603
Nov-16	33,790,725	25,100,638	26,593,634	644,391	86,129,387
Dec-16	40,974,003	26,698,792	27,126,203	660,124	95,459,123
Jan-17	48,878,735	30,518,227	27,777,988	693,591	107,868,541
Feb-17	41,888,197	27,806,421	27,435,574	647,019	97,777,211
Mar-17	39,758,378	27,252,241	27,034,182	649,766	94,694,567
Apr-17	37,196,358	26,729,137	26,958,211	658,341	91,542,047
May-17	31,949,810	25,105,196	27,287,795	657,582	85,000,383
Jun-17	36,454,263	27,769,686	30,547,605	697,196	95,468,750

#### RETAIL SALES (kWh) by CUSTOMER CLASS Competitive Generation Sales as a Percentage of Total Sales

	Comp	ellive Generation Sa	lies as a refeellage		
Month	DOMESTIC	REGULAR GENERAL	LARGE GENERAL	OUTDOOR LIGHTING	TOTAL
Jun-16	15.1%	55.3%	90.5%	47.0%	51.4%
Jul-16	14.8%	53.3%	89.0%	45.2%	48.1%
Aug-16	14.4%	52.4%	86.5%	46.2%	45.3%
Sep-16	14.1%	53.2%	87.4%	45.4%	47.6%
Oct-16	14.2%	54.9%	90.0%	43.4%	50.7%
Nov-16	14.6%	55.4%	89.4%	45.6%	49.8%
Dec-16	15.2%	54.1%	89.7%	46.2%	47.5%
Jan-17	15.3%	51.9%	88.9%	46.9%	44.8%
Feb-17	15.1%	52.1%	89.3%	43.1%	46.6%
Mar-17	14.7%	51.5%	94.8%	43.6%	48.4%
Apr-17	14.7%	52.3%	91.3%	44.2%	48.5%
May-17	14.5%	52.8%	89.4%	43.5%	50.1%
Jun-17	14.2%	52.2%	91.1%	54.5%	50.2%

#### Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. Customer Migration Report

#### CUSTOMER COUNT by CLASS Customers Served by Competitive Generation

Month	DOMESTIC	REGULAR GENERAL	LARGE GENERAL	OUTDOOR LIGHTING	TOTAL
Jun-16	8,285	3,025	130	371	11,811
Jul-16	8,202	3,024	130	368	11,724
Aug-16	8,220	3,029	129	371	11,749
Sep-16	8,110	3,025	129	371	11,635
Oct-16	8,184	3,021	127	367	11,699
Nov-16	8,738	3,023	126	360	12,247
Dec-16	8,844	2,998	125	356	12,323
Jan-17	8,738	2,989	125	350	12,202
Feb-17	8,574	2,975	126	351	12,026
Mar-17	8,840	2,955	126	360	12,281
Apr-17	8,799	2,945	126	369	12,239
May-17	8,791	2,935	125	366	12,217
Jun-17	8,757	2,945	126	347	12,175

#### CUSTOMER COUNT by CLASS Total Customers

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Month	DOMESTIC	REGULAR GENERAL	LARGE GENERAL	OUTDOOR LIGHTING	TOTAL
Jun-16	65,923	11,080	162	1,694	78,859
Jul-16	66,034	11,079	161	1,696	78,970
Aug-16	66,106	11,082	160	1,684	79,032
Sep-16	66,068	11,064	160	1,682	78,974
Oct-16	65,918	11,029	160	1,683	78,790
Nov-16	65,832	11,019	158	1,683	78,692
Dec-16	65,896	11,023	156	1,685	78,760
Jan-17	65,903	11,022	158	1,683	78,766
Feb-17	66,109	11,038	161	1,682	78,990
Mar-17	66,158	11,036	161	1,686	79,041
Apr-17	66,381	11,061	161	1,699	79,302
May-17	66,646	11,082	160	1,701	79,589
Jun-17	66,584	11,091	160	1,690	79,525

CUSTOMER COUNT by CLASS

Percentage of Customers	Served b	y Com	petitive	Generation

Month	DOMESTIC	REGULAR GENERAL	LARGE GENERAL	OUTDOOR LIGHTING	TOTAL
Jun-16	12.6%	27.3%	80.2%	21.9%	15.0%
Jul-16	12.4%	27.3%	80.7%	21.7%	14.8%
Aug-16	12.4%	27.3%	80.6%	22.0%	14.9%
Sep-16	12.3%	27.3%	80.6%	22.1%	14.7%
Oct-16	12.4%	27.4%	79.4%	21.8%	14.8%
Nov-16	13.3%	27.4%	79.7%	21.4%	15.6%
Dec-16	13.4%	27.2%	80.1%	21.1%	15.6%
Jan-17	13.3%	27.1%	79.1%	20.8%	15.5%
Feb-17	13.0%	27.0%	78.3%	20.9%	15.2%
Mar-17	13.4%	26.8%	78.3%	21.4%	15.5%
Apr-17	13.3%	26.6%	78.3%	21.7%	15.4%
May-17	13.2%	26.5%	78.1%	21.5%	15.4%
Jun-17	13.2%	26.6%	78.8%	20.5%	15.3%

#### UES Default Service RFP Issued August 29, 2017 For Loads to be Served beginning December 1, 2017 RPS Compliance Cost Estimates, Non-G1 Customers

RPS Obligation Market Price Assumptions										Non-G1 Customer Costs															
		2		3	4	5		2		3	4	5		7											
Year	Month	Class I*	Class I Carve Out	Class II	Class III	Class IV		Class I	Class I Carve Out	Class II	Class III	Class IV		Non-G1 Sales (MWH)	(	Class I	Class I Carve Out	-	Class II	Class III		Class IV	RPS Cost	-	Cost MWH
2017	Dec-17	6.4%	1.40%	0.30%	8.0%	1.5%	\$	25.00	\$ 25.46	\$ 56.02	\$ 45.00	\$ 27.49		50,052	\$	80,082	\$ 17,840	\$	8,412	\$ 180,1	35 \$	5 20,637	\$ 307,157	\$	6.14
2018	Jan-18	7.2%	1.50%	0.30%	8.0%	1.5%	\$	25.00	\$ 25.86	\$ 48.09	\$ 45.00	\$ 27.92		56,030	\$	100,853	\$ 21,735	\$	8,083	\$ 201,7	)7 \$	3 23,466	\$ 355,845	\$	6.35
2018	Feb-18	7.2%	1.50%	0.30%	8.0%	1.5%	\$	25.00	\$ 25.86	\$ 48.09	\$ 45.00	\$ 27.92		52,503	\$	94,506	\$ 20,367	\$	7,575	\$ 189,0	11 \$	6 21,989	\$ 333,448	\$	6.35
2018	Mar-18	7.2%	1.50%	0.30%	8.0%	1.5%	\$	25.00	\$ 25.86	\$ 48.09	\$ 45.00	\$ 27.92		48,738	\$	87,728	\$ 18,907	\$	7,031	\$ 175,4	56 \$	5 20,412	\$ 309,534	\$	6.35
2018	Apr-18	7.2%	1.50%	0.30%	8.0%	1.5%	\$	25.00	\$ 25.86	\$ 48.09	\$ 45.00	\$ 27.92		45,892	\$	82,606	\$ 17,803	\$	6,621	\$ 165,2	12 \$	5 19,221	\$ 291,463	\$	6.35
2018	May-18	7.2%	1.50%	0.30%	8.0%	1.5%	\$	25.00	\$ 25.86	\$ 48.09	\$ 45.00	\$ 27.92		40,851	\$	73,532	\$ 15,847	\$	5,894	\$ 147,0	64 \$	5 17,109	\$ 259,446	\$	6.35

\*Class I is the net requirement which is the gross requirement less the Class I Thermal Carve-Out requirement. 2017 = 7.8% - 1.4% 2018 = 8.7% - 1.5%

#### UES Default Service RFP Issued August 29, 2017 For Loads to be Served beginning December 1, 2017 RPS Compliance Cost Estimates, G1 Customers

RPS Ob	ligation	2		3	4	5	Market Pr 2	ice Assun	n <b>ptions</b> 3	4	5	G1 Custo 7	mer	Costs									
Year	Month	Class I <sup>*</sup>	Class I Carve Out	Class II	Class III	Class IV	Class I	Class I Carve Out	Class II	Class III	Class IV	G1 Sales (MWH)		Class I	_	lass I rve Out	C	lass II	С	lass III	Class IV	RPS Cost	ost IWH
2017	Dec-17	6.4%	1.40%	0.30%	8.0%	1.5%	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.46	\$ 56.02	\$ 45.00	\$ 27.49	2,584	\$	4,135	\$	921	\$	434	\$	9,303	\$ 1,066	\$ 15,859	\$ 6.14
2018	Jan-18	7.2%	1.50%	0.30%	8.0%	1.5%	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.86	\$ 48.09	\$ 45.00	\$ 27.92	2,640	\$	4,753	\$	1,024	\$	381	\$	9,506	\$ 1,106	\$ 16,769	\$ 6.35
2018	Feb-18	7.2%	1.50%	0.30%	8.0%	1.5%	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.86	\$ 48.09	\$ 45.00	\$ 27.92	2,597	\$	4,675	\$	1,008	\$	375	\$	9,350	\$ 1,088	\$ 16,496	\$ 6.35
2018	Mar-18	7.2%	1.50%	0.30%	8.0%	1.5%	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.86	\$ 48.09	\$ 45.00	\$ 27.92	2,565	\$	4,617	\$	995	\$	370	\$	9,234	\$ 1,074	\$ 16,290	\$ 6.35
2018	Apr-18	7.2%	1.50%	0.30%	8.0%	1.5%	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.86	\$ 48.09	\$ 45.00	\$ 27.92	2,571	\$	4,627	\$	997	\$	371	\$	9,255	\$ 1,077	\$ 16,327	\$ 6.35
2018	May-18	7.2%	1.50%	0.30%	8.0%	1.5%	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.86	\$ 48.09	\$ 45.00	\$ 27.92	2,604	\$	4,688	\$	1,010	\$	376	\$	9,376	\$ 1,091	\$ 16,541	\$ 6.35

\*Class I is the net requirement which is the gross requirement less the Class I Thermal Carve-Out requirement. 2017 = 7.8% - 1.4%

2018 = 8.7% - 1.5%

#### UES Default Service RFP Issued August 29, 2017 For Loads to be Served beginning December 1, 2017 Historical Pricing by Customer Group, No Longer Confidential\*

	Non-G1 Purchases (MWH)	Wtd Avg Price	Change Prior Period	Change Prior Year	G1 Purchases (MWH)	Wtd Avg Price	Change Prior Period	Change Prior Year
May-13 Jun-13 Jul-13	58,896 62,225 78,911	¢ 60.15	-5.0%	2.6%	5,513 5,216 6,041	\$ 59.67	-27.5%	37.3%
Aug-13 Sep-13 Oct-13	72,526 61,272 65,724	\$ 60.15	-5.0%	2.0%	5,348 5,570 4,890	\$ 50.31	-15.7%	10.6%
Nov-13 Dec-13 Jan-14	58,421 66,566 68,789	\$ 83.16	38.2%	31.3%	4,906 6,179 4,448	\$ 116.09	130.7%	56.3%
Feb-14 Mar-14 Apr-14	62,321 59,425 53,008	¢ 00110	00.270	011070	4,691 4,166 4,578	\$ 123.36	6.3%	50.0%
May-14 Jun-14 Jul-14	48,440 63,793 72,584	\$ 69.60	-16.3%	15.7%	4,814 4,831 5,135	\$ 52.32	-57.6%	-12.3%
Aug-14 Sep-14 Oct-14	73,184 64,178 52,649				4,609 5,263 4,583	\$ 50.73	-3.0%	0.8%
Nov-14 Dec-14 Jan-15	55,553 67,622 71,475	\$ 144.13	107.1%	73.3%	4,443 4,828 4,219	\$ 73.07	44.0%	-37.1%
Feb-15 Mar-15 Apr-15	59,938 60,740 53,320				3,636 3,462 3,083	\$ 90.52	23.9%	-26.6%
May-15 Jun-15 Jul-15	50,264 59,356 71,821	\$ 59.41	-58.8%	-14.6%	3,607 3,681 4,147	\$ 44.99	-50.3%	-14.0%
Aug-15 Sep-15 Oct-15	72,601 57,842 53,025				4,204 4,075 3,503	\$ 57.71	28.3%	13.8%
Nov-15 Dec-15 Jan-16	55,415 57,319 60,002	\$ 85.81	44%	-40%	3,142 3,144 3,426	\$ 45.99	-20.3%	-37%
Feb-16 Mar-16 Apr-16	57,549 53,362 48,852	•			3,471 3,622 3,392	\$ 40.88	-11%	-55%
May-16 Jun-16 Jul-16	45,952 48,770 59,560	\$ 49.07	-43%	-17%	3,514 3,722 4,081	\$ 38.99	-5%	-13%
Aug-16 Sep-16 Oct-16	67,113 56,447 46,737	\$ 49.07	-070	1170	4,148 3,961 3,667	\$ 45.55	17%	-21%
Nov-16 Dec-16 Jan-17	49,026 51,617 57,891	\$ 64.39	31%	-25%	3,515 2,751 2,836	\$ 52.17	15%	13%
Feb-17 Mar-17 Apr-17	54,915 50,961 46,832	φ 04.39	3170	-20%	3,007 2,873 2,894	\$ 46.24	-11%	13%
May-17 Jun-17	43,370 44,437	\$ 44.11	-32%	-9%	2,816 3,239	\$ 45.69	-1%	17%

\* Historical pricing shown has previously been required to be submitted to FERC under its Electronic Quarterly

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