

**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
BEFORE THE  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**Unitil Energy Systems, Inc.**

**RELIABILITY PROGRAM  
AND  
VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM  
ANNUAL REPORT – FISCAL YEAR 2017**

1. Introduction

Pursuant to the Settlement Agreement approved by the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) in Docket No. DE 10-055<sup>1</sup>, Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. (“UES” or “Company”) is submitting the results of the Reliability Enhancement Plan (“REP”) and Vegetation Management Plan (“VMP”) for Fiscal Year 2017 (“FY 2017”), report the period, January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017.

The Settlement Agreement provides that on or before the last day of February of each year following approval, Unitil will provide an annual report to the Commission, Staff and OCA showing actual REP and VMP activities and costs for the previous calendar year, and its planned activities and costs for the current calendar year. Actual and planned REP and VMP costs shown in the report will be reconciled along with the revenue requirements associated with the actual and planned capital additions and expenses. This report includes the following information:

- (A) A description of Unitil’s VMP;
- (B) A comparison of FY2017 actual to budgeted spending on O&M activities related to the VMP
- (C) Detail on the O&M spending related to the FY2017 VMP estimated expenditures and work to be completed;
- (D) A summary of the reliability performance tracking for pruning, hazard tree and storm pilot program components;
- (E) A summary of the Vegetation Management Storm Hardening Pilot Program results;
- (F) Detail on the O&M spending related to Exacter Inspection survey;
- (G) Detail on the O&M spending related to Enhanced Tree Trimming;
- (H) Detail on the reliability capital spending for 2016 and 2017 budget; and
- (I) Reliability performance of the UES Capital and UES Seacoast systems.

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<sup>1</sup> Order 25,214 dated April 26, 2011