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Gary Epler, Esq.  
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Unitil Energy Systems, Inc.  
6 Liberty Lane West  
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Re: DE 18-038, Unitil Energy Systems, Inc.  
Annual Major Storm Cost Reserve Fund Report

Dear Mr. Epler:

On June 28, 2019, Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. (Unitil) filed a letter informing the Commission that Unitil and Commission Staff (Staff) have reached a settlement agreement regarding final resolution of this matter.

Under the terms of that settlement agreement, Unitil agrees to withdraw its request for rehearing and implementation of an adjudicatory process, and not seek any further proceeding in this docket. That withdrawal is without prejudice to Unitil to request recovery of the disputed amount through the Major Storm Cost Reserve in its next filing seeking an increase in base rates. Unitil will have the burden of proof in such proceeding that any recovery requested is just and reasonable. Staff and Unitil also agree that, if the Commission accepts the terms of the settlement without modification, and as there are no other parties in this docket, they jointly recommend that the docket be closed upon issuance of a secretarial letter without the need for further hearing or other proceeding.

The Commission has reviewed Unitil's letter and the settlement agreement described therein, and has found that the settlement terms are just and reasonable under the circumstances. Accordingly, this docket shall be closed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Debra A. Howland".

Debra A. Howland  
Executive Director

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