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## RE: DE 20-002 Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. 2020 Least Cost Integrated Resource Plan **Request to Accept Late-Filed Settlement Agreement**

Dear Ms. Howland:

The hearing in the above-referenced matter is scheduled for January 22, 2021. On behalf of the Commission Staff and Unitil Energy Systems, Inc., please find a settlement of the issues raised in the above-referenced matter.

Pursuant to Puc 203.20(e), settlement agreements are to be filed no less than five business days prior to hearing. Staff respectfully request that the Commission accept the enclosed late-filed Settlement Agreement pursuant to Puc 203.20(f) which provides the Commission the authority to accept late-filed settlements when such acceptance promotes the orderly and efficiency conduct of the proceeding and will not impair the right of any party to the proceeding. Staff attests that acceptance of the late-filed settlement for Commission review will promote the orderly and efficient conduct of the proceeding and will not impair the rights of any party to the proceeding.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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