

March 1, 2021

BY ELECTRONIC MAIL

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

Re: <u>Unitil Energy Systems, Inc.</u>

Notice of Intent to File Rate Schedules (Puc 1604.05)

Dear Director Howland:

Please accept this letter on behalf of Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. (the "Company"), in accordance with the New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules, Section 1604.05, as its Notice of Intent to File Rate Schedules pursuant to RSA Ch. 378. The Company will be seeking an increase in base rates of approximately \$12 million, based on a proforma 2020 Test Year, and a rate plan for the annual recovery, beginning in 2022, of the costs associated with certain plant additions. The Company's proposed base rate increase will result in a total average bill impact of 6% including changes in existing reconciling mechanisms. The Company also intends to file rate schedules requesting temporary rates, pursuant to RSA 378:27, during the pendency of the permanent rate relief request.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Patrick H. Taylor

cc: David Wiesner, Director, Legal Division

Tom Frantz, Director, Electric Division

Amanda Noonan, Director, Consumer Services and Externa Affairs Division

Donald Kreis, Consumer Advocate