

April 1, 2022

Daniel Goldner, Chairman New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission 21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10 Concord, NH 03301-2429

RE: <u>DE 21-030</u>: <u>Settlement Agreement and Effective Date of Permanent Rates</u>

Chairman Goldner:

On February 11, 2022, Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. ("Unitil" or the "Company") submitted to the Commission in the above-referenced docket a comprehensive Settlement Agreement among the Company and all intervening parties (with the exception of Conservation Law Foundation, which supported those components of the Settlement Agreement in which it has an interest). The Settlement Agreement and its attachments stipulate an April 1, 2022 effective date for permanent rates to take effect. See Settlement Agreement, Sections 2.1, 4.1, 4.4, 6.8. The tariff pages submitted with the Settlement Agreement (Attachment 12) bear an effective date of April 1, 2022.

At this time, the Company awaits a Commission order and respectfully requests an order as soon as possible and preferably by April 5 to avoid holding bills. If bills are held for a period of time, customers receive bills back to back (under a shorter time frame) as the following month's bills get rolled out. Holding bills also delays cash flow.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Patrick H. Taylor

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