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Daniel C. Goldner, Chairman New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission 21 South Fruit Street Concord, NH 03301-2429

Re: DE 22-008 Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. Annual Major Storm Cost Reserve Fund Report 2021, *DOE Recommendation and Supporting Technical Statement*; DE 21-033 Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. Annual Major Storm Cost Reserve Fund Report 2020, *DOE Audit Report*

Dear Chairman Goldner:

The Department of Energy (DOE) has reviewed and analyzed the Major Storm Cost Reserve Fund Report 2021 ("2021 Report") filed by Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. (UES, or "the Company") on February 28, 2022 and the DOE Enforcement Division's Final [Audit] Report (dated May 13, 2022). Enclosed please find DOE's technical statement and attached audit. The technical statement summarizes DOE's review, analysis, conclusions and recommendations with respect to UES's 2021 Report. As noted in the technical statement, DOE supports the Company's recovery of the audit adjusted amount identified in the technical statement. This results in an adjusted MSCR under-recovery balance of (\$3,073,272).

DOE recommends that the Commission approve UES's recovery, as identified above, without a hearing or any further process before the Commission. In that event, Docket No. DE 22-008 may be closed.

The Commission consolidated this docket, Docket No. DE 22-008, with Docket No. DE 21-033, UES's Annual MSCR for 2020. *See_Procedural Order Re: Consolidation and Deadline for Reponses to Annual MSCRF Reports (April 25, 2022)*. Accordingly, this filing will also be made in Docket DE 21-033. The DOE has also enclosed the DOE's final [audit] report in DE 21-033 with this letter, as requested by the Commission. *See Procedural Order Re: Production of Department of Energy Audit Reports (August 18, 2022)*. DOE also recommends that Docket No. DE 21-033 be closed.

Consistent with current Commission policy, this letter and enclosures are being filed solely in electronic format. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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