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Daniel C. Goldner, Chairman
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street
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Re: DE 22-026; Unitil Energy Systems, Inc.; Petition for Step Adjustment; Changes to Department of Energy Exhibits

Dear Chairman Goldner:

By letter dated June 9, 2022, Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. (UES or Unitil) submitted an amendment to its step adjustment request in this case to exclude all costs associated with the Exeter Distribution Operations Center; costs the Department of Energy (DOE) contests in this case. In light of UES's amendment, the DOE seeks to withdraw Exhibits 4, 7 and 8, as filed with the Commission on June 8, 2022 and submit instead the enclosed Exhibit 9. Exhibit 4, which consisted of Jay E. Dudley's testimony from the underlying rate case that established this step adjustment review, DE 21-030, was provided primarily in connection with the DOC costs, and thus is no longer relevant to this case in its current form. In its place, Exhibit 9 contains only one section of Mr. Dudley's DE 21-030 testimony concerning costs related to Unitil's Concord Downtown Conversion project, which remain at issue in this step adjustment.¹ Exhibits 7 and 8 also concerned DOC costs and are no longer relevant given Unitil's amended step adjustment request.

The Department believes that the withdrawal of Exhibits 4, 7 and 8, and acceptance of Exhibit 9 will simplify the review of UES's step adjustment and the DOE requests that the Commission accept this filing even though it is made after the deadline set for submitting exhibits in this matter. The DOE also encloses a revised DOE Witness and Exhibit List.

Consistent with the Commission's *Temporary Changes in Filing Requirements* (March 17, 2020), this letter is being filed solely in electronic form.

Thank you for attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

¹ Exhibit 9 shows blacked out information on Bates pp. 2 and 5. This blacking out was done to exclude information not relevant to this step adjustment proceeding; it does not indicate redacted confidential information and there is no confidential version of this exhibit.

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