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

Re: DE 22-078; Unitil Energy Systems, Inc.; Reliability Program and Vegetation Management Program Plan – Fiscal Year 2023; Technical Statement of Stephen R. Eckberg, Department of Energy

Dear Chairman Goldner:

Pursuant to a Procedural Order issued in this docket issued March 24, 2024, attached is the Technical Statement of Stephen R. Eckberg which contains the Department of Energy's analysis and recommendation concerning Unitil Energy Systems, Inc., Reliability Program and Vegetation Management Program Plan – Fiscal Year 2023.

Consistent with the Commission's current practices this letter is being filed only in electronic form.

Sincerely,

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