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

Re: DE 23-050, Vanessa Valentino Complaint of Vanessa Valentino against Unitil Energy Systems, Inc.; Letter from Department of Energy Regarding Completion of DOE Investigation of Complaint

Dear Chairman Goldner:

On April 17, 2023, Dr. Vanessa Valentino (Dr. Valentino) filed a formal Complaint (Complaint) with the Department of Energy (DOE) against Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. (Unitil). The Complaint was filed with the DOE electronically via email. The DOE accepted the Complaint, assigned it complaint number CPT 2023-001, and opened a DOE review in accordance with the provisions of RSA 365:1-4.

On April 27, 2023, the DOE filed a letter in the above-captioned matter to inform the Commission that it had not yet completed its review of the Complaint. The DOE stated that it would notify the Commission and Dr. Valentino of its disposition of the Complaint.

On July 12, 2023, the Commission issued a procedural order requesting a status update from the DOE regarding its investigation of the Complaint. The DOE filed an update on July 17, 2023, informing the Commission that it was expecting additional information from Unitil and that it anticipated being able to conclude its investigation shortly after receipt of the information, subject to change based on the contents of the information. The DOE stated that it would notify the Commission of its disposition of the Complaint once its investigation was complete.

Attached is a letter from the DOE to Dr. Valentino informing her of the DOE's disposition of her Complaint. The purpose of this filing is to inform the Commission that the DOE has completed its investigation of the Complaint pursuant to RSA 365:1-4, and that the DOE does not intend to take further action regarding the charges in the Complaint.

Pursuant to the Commission's June 5, 2023, Procedural Order regarding Dr. Valentino's request for confidentiality, the DOE has redacted the attached letter by blacking out Dr. Valentino's mailing address. The DOE is not providing a confidential version of the attached letter as the confidential information is not essential to the substance of the letter.

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

Sincerely,

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