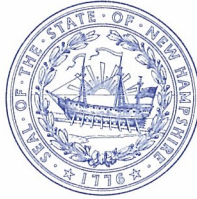


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Re: Docket No. DE 09-009
Unitil Energy Systems, Inc.
2009 Default Service Procurement
Staff Testimony on Lead/Lag Study



Dear Ms. Howland:

Order No. 24,949 (March 20, 2009) in the above captioned docket directed Staff to file a report on the Lead/Lag Study of Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. (UES) before UES' next default service filing. Attached is a copy of the testimony of George R. McCluskey which constitutes the required report.

Please note that Mr. McCluskey's testimony has also been filed in Docket No. DE 09-010, *Granite State Electric Company d/b/a National Grid, 2009 Default Service Procurement*, as the testimony discusses both UES' and National Grid's lead/lag studies.

I certify that a copy of this correspondence and the attached testimony will be served electronically to parties on the service list contemporaneous with its filing with the Commission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Suzanne G. Amidon".

Suzanne G. Amidon
Staff Attorney

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