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February 3, 2010

Re: DE 09-224, Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. Renewable Default Energy Service Rate Option Procedural Schedule

To the Parties:

On January 28, 2010, a duly noticed prehearing conference was held in the above referenced proceeding. Appearances at the prehearing conference were entered by representatives of Unitil Energy Systems, Inc., the Office of the Consumer Advocate (participating as a full statutory party), and Commission Staff. There were no motions to intervene.

Following the prehearing conference, the parties and Staff met in a technical session and agreed upon the following schedule which was submitted to the Commission by letter from Staff dated February 1, 2010:

Data Requests	02/05/10
Data Responses	02/19/10
Technical Session	03/11/10 at 9:00 a.m.
Settlement Filed	03/26/10
Hearing on the Merits	04/07/10 at 1:30 p.m.

The Commission has determined that the proposed schedule is in the public interest and therefore has approved it. For administrative efficiency, the Commission has elected to issue this Secretarial Letter as its prehearing order in this proceeding.

Sincerely,

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