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Re: DE 11-105, Unitil Energy Systems, Inc.

Petition for Declaratory Ruling and Approval of Adjustment to Certain Account Balances

Motion to Dismiss or Stay

To the Parties:

On June 21, 2011, The RiverWoods Company at Exeter (RiverWoods) petitioned for intervention in this docket. Attached to its petition was a copy of its Writ of Summons dated June 20, 2011 with a return date of August 2, 2011, against Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. (Unitil) in the Rockingham County Superior Court. The writ asserts claims for damages arising from overpayments made to Unitil for electric service between 2004 and 2011.

On July 11, 2011, RiverWoods filed a Motion to Dismiss or Stay to which Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. and the Office of the Consumer Advocate objected on July 21, 2011. In its motion, RiverWoods alleges that the Rockingham County Superior Court has jurisdiction over its dispute with Unitil and asks that the Commission either dismiss or stay this proceeding.

The Commission has determined to temporarily suspend the proceeding pending a ruling of the Superior Court in the pending suit. The Commission will promptly commence the instant proceeding if the Court declines to hear the matter.

Sincerely, Dulie A. Lawland

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