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March 6, 2012

Debra A. Howland  
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New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission  
21 South Fruit Street Suite 10  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Re: Docket No. DE 11-277  
Unitil Energy Systems, Inc.  
Petition to Increase Storm Adjustment Recovery Factor  
Report on Technical Schedule and Proposed Hearing Date

Dear Ms. Howland:

Pursuant to an Order of Notice issued on February 16, 2012, a prehearing conference in the above-captioned matter was held on March 6, 2012. Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. (UES) and Staff were present for the prehearing conference and the technical session that followed. No other parties participated in the prehearing conference or technical session.

At the technical session, Staff and UES discussed the duration of the proposed increase in the Storm Adjustment Recovery Factor and the Company's suggested carrying charge. Based on these discussions, it appears that UES and Staff can reach an accord regarding all matters in this filing. Further discussions between Staff and the Company will be held for purposes of resolving all outstanding issues as appropriate. Following these discussions, Staff will file a recommendation with the Commission reflecting its agreement with UES.

Staff and UES agreed that a hearing in this matter be scheduled on April 12, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. Staff expects this hearing will be concluded by noon. Staff respectfully requests that the Commission approve April 12, 2012 for the hearing.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

I certify that a copy of this letter will be served by email to parties on the service list at the same time the letter is filed with the Commission.

Sincerely,

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

Suzanne Amidon, Esq.  
Staff Attorney/Hearings Examiner

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