

September 9, 2014

BY OVERNIGHT MAIL and E-MAIL

Debra A. Howland Executive Director and Secretary New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission 21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10 Concord, NH 03301-2429

Re: <u>Docket No. DE 14-061</u>

Dear Secretary Howland:

On behalf of Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. ("UES" or "the Company"), enclosed are an original and six (6) copies of the Company's "Contingency Plan for Default Service."

During the April 10, 2014 hearing Docket No. DE 14-061 (Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. Default Service Schedule) there was a discussion involving the Company's witness, Dr. Bohan, of the potential for a decline in the number of bidders responding to a future default service solicitation as a result of several factors: customer migration risk; price volatility; and changes to the ISO-NE winter reliability program as well as the ISO-NE collateral requirements. Subsequent to the hearing, the Commission Staff and the Company had informal discussions of this issue, and the Company was encouraged to provide the Commission with an outline of the steps it would take if there were to be a threat of or an actual failed solicitation for default service. Accordingly, the Company submits the attached Contingency Plan.

If you have any concerns or questions, Company representatives are available to discuss the Contingency Plan with the Commission, Commission Staff and the Office of Consumer Advocate upon your request. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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