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## BY HAND-DELIVERY AND E-MAIL

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

## Re: <u>Unitil Energy Systems, Inc.</u> Notice of Intent to File Rate Schedules

Dear Director Howland:

Please accept this letter on behalf of Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. (the "Company"), in accordance with the New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules, Section 1604.05, as its Notice of Intent to File Rate Schedules pursuant to RSA Ch. 378. The Company will be seeking an increase in base rates of approximately \$6 million, or 4 percent of total revenue, based on a proforma 2015 Test Year, and a rate plan for the annual recovery, beginning in 2017, of the costs associated with certain plant additions. The Company also intends to file rate schedules requesting temporary rates, pursuant to RSA 378:27, during the pendency of the permanent rate relief request.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely, Gary Eple

cc: David Shulock, Director, Legal Division Tom Frantz, Director, Electric Division Amanda Noonan, Director, Consumer Affairs Division Donald Kreis, Consumer Advocate

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