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Re: Docket DE 16-384
Unitil Energy Systems, Inc.
Petition to Implement Permanent Rates
Stipulation and Settlement Regarding Temporary Rates

Dear Ms. Howland:

On April 29, 2016, Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. (UES) filed a petition for temporary and permanent rate increases with supporting testimony and exhibits. On June 13, 2016, Unitil, Staff and the Office of Consumer Advocate met in settlement conference on the issue of temporary rates. The meeting resulted in a Stipulation and Settlement Agreement on temporary rates, a copy of which is enclosed with this letter.

The hearing on temporary rates is scheduled for June 20, 2016. Staff respectfully requests that the Commission waive the requirements of New Hampshire Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.20 and accept this late-filed Stipulation and Settlement Agreement. Staff avers that the Commission's acceptance of this late-filed Stipulation and Settlement Agreement will promote the orderly and efficient conduct of the proceeding, and will not impair the rights of any party to the proceeding, consistent with the requirements of Puc 203.20 (f). Thank you for your consideration.

To facilitate the filing of this agreement Staff accepted a PDF of the signature for Unitil's attorney, Gary Epler. As a result, two pages are identified as "4 of 4." I hope that this explanation allays any confusion caused by the numbering.

Sincerely,

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

Suzanne G. Amidon
Staff Counsel

Enclosure

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