

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**Unitil Energy Systems, Inc.
Petition for Distribution Rate Increase**

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David L. Chong , having been duly sworn, states under oath as follows:

1. I am over eighteen years of age; I am competent to provide this affidavit; and I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth below.
2. I am employed by Unitil Service Corp. ("Service Corp.") as Director of Finance. I am also the Treasurer of Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. ("Unitil Energy").
3. Service Corp. is a corporation providing managerial, financial, regulatory and engineering services to the subsidiaries of Unitil Corporation, a New Hampshire corporation.
4. Unitil Energy is a wholly owned subsidiary of Unitil Corporation.
5. I am familiar with the facts of this proceeding.
6. With respect to the expenses incurred for the service providers retained by Unitil Energy, I certify that:
 - a. Unitil Energy used a competitive bidding process, and in selecting the winning bidders, considered information concerning the availability, experience, customary fees for similar services, quality, and cost of the service providers;
 - b. A competitive bidding process was not employed by Unitil Energy in the selection by of Attorney Ashley Brown to provide rebuttal testimony on behalf of Unitil Energy in docket DE 16-576. Rather, Unitil Energy considered the special expertise and experience of Attorney Brown as a former public utility commissioner for the State

