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April 13, 2021

Karen M. Asbury, Director, Regulatory Services
Unitil Energy Systems, Inc.
6 Liberty Lane West
Hampton, NH 03842

Re: DE 18-036, Unitil Energy Systems, Inc.
Tariff – Storm Recovery Adjustment Factor
Approval of Tariff Revisions

Dear Ms. Asbury:

In Order No. 26,123 (April 30, 2018), the Commission authorized Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. (Unitil) to collect, through its Storm Recovery Adjustment Factor (SRAF), the costs associated with repairing damage from a major wind storm that occurred in October 2017 (October 2017 Wind Storm). The Commission approved recovery over a period of three years, beginning May 1, 2018 and ending on April 30, 2021. *Id.* at 5-6.

On March 12, 2021, Unitil requested approval of the following revised tariff pages, for effect on May 1, 2021, that would reduce the SRAF, reflecting the end of the three-year recovery period for the October 2017 Wind Storm:

Forty-Fifth Revised Pages 4 and 5, Summary of Delivery Service Rates
Sixty-Sixth Revised Page 6, Summary of Low-Income Electric Assistance Program Discounts
Eighth Revised Page 69, Storm Recovery Adjustment Factor, Schedule SRAF

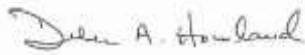
If Unitil's request is approved, the SRAF will be reduced from its current level of \$0.00084 per kilowatt hour (kWh) to \$0.00047 per kWh, effective May 1, 2021. Unitil indicated that this change to the SRAF would reduce the monthly bill of a residential customer on Default Service using 650 kWh per month by \$0.24 or 0.2 percent, compared to current rates. Unitil stated it expects a remaining balance of \$56,319 as of April 30, 2021 associated with this recovery. Unitil advised that it will file the final results of its recovery no later than 60 days after April 30, with the disposition of any remaining balance subject to Commission review and approval.

Commission Staff (Staff) filed a recommendation on March 29, 2021. Staff requested updated calculations of the SRAF, consistent with previously filed exhibits. Based on its review of the updated

calculations, Staff confirmed the three-year recovery period for the October 2017 Wind Storm approved in Order No. 26,123 and Unital's proposed reduction of the SRAF effective May 1, 2021. Staff recommended that the Commission approve Unital's reduction of the SRAF and its proposed revisions to pages 4, 5, 6, and 69 of its tariff, effective May 1, 2021.

The Commission has reviewed Unital's proposed tariff revisions, the calculations underlying the rates contained in the revised tariffs, and Staff's recommendation. It finds that the revised tariffs and rates comply with Order No. 26,123, which required recovery of the costs of the October 2017 Wind Storm to end on April 30, 2021. Accordingly, the Commission approves the revised tariffs and rates as submitted, effective May 1, 2021. For administrative efficiency, the Commission will not issue an order approving the proposed tariff revisions. Unital shall file the final results of its recovery of the costs of the October 2017 Wind Storm no later than June 29, 2021.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director

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