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Re: DE 08-080, Unitil Energy Systems, Inc.

Tariff Revisions Re: Elimination of Controlled (Off-Peak) Water Heating Service

# Dear Mr. Epler:

On June 2, 2008<sup>1</sup>, Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. (UES) filed revised tariff pages eliminating the Controlled Off-Peak Water Heating rate from both its Domestic Delivery Service and General Delivery Service tariffs. UES explained that, in its last base rate proceeding (Docket No. DE 05-178), its tariffs were revised to limit the availability of the Controlled Off-Peak Water Heating rate until such time that an affected customer's master meter is changed out with an Automated Meter Reading (AMR) device. Once the AMR is installed, customers formerly taking service under the Controlled Off-Peak Water Heating rate would be served under Schedule D or G2, as applicable. According to UES, in late 2007 the last customers receiving service under the Controlled Off-Peak Water Heating rate were placed on rate D, and there are no longer any customers receiving service under either the Domestic or General Controlled Off-Peak Water Heating rates. Stating that all requirements for the termination of those water heating rates have been met, UES requested elimination of the tariff provisions for Controlled Off-Peak Water Heating effective June 1, 2008.

On June 3, 2008, Staff filed its recommendation noting that the settlement agreement approved in Docket No. DE 05-178 was silent regarding the proposed elimination of the Controlled Off-Peak Water Heating rate, but neither Staff nor any other party opposed the elimination of the rate at the time. Consequently, Staff recommended that the Commission approve UES' proposal to eliminate the tariff provisions for Controlled Off-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Its June 2, 2008 filing was a resubmittal of a filing with a cover letter dated April 22, 2008.

Peak Water Heating for both Domestic Delivery Service and General Delivery Service, and the tariff pages submitted with the company's filing.

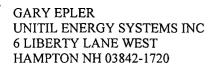
Based on Staff's review and recommendation, the Commission has granted UES' request to eliminate the tariff provisions for Controlled Off-Peak Water Heating for both Domestic Delivery and General Delivery Service. Accordingly, Second Revised Page 47, Second Revised Page 48, Second Revised Page 52, and Second Revised Page 53 are approved effective June 1, 2008.

Sincerely,

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