

## By Overnight and Electronic Mail

April 30, 2010

Ms. Debra A. Howland Executive Director and Secretary New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10 Concord, NH 03301-2429

RE: Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. (UES) Short-Term Debt Limit



Dear Director Howland:

Pursuant to the Settlement Agreement dated September 18, 2009 in docket DE 08-085, UES hereby submits its annual update to its short-term debt limit.

UES' short-term debt limit to be effective from June 1, 2010 through June 1, 2011 will remain at \$24 million.

UES' reported Net Utility Plant of \$142,537,642 as of December 31, 2009 in its FERC Form 1. In the Settlement Agreement, the parties agreed to a short-term debt limit equal to ten percent of Net Utility Plant plus \$10 million. Ten percent of Net Utility Plant plus \$10 million results in a short-term debt limit of \$24 million.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 603-773-6499.

Sincerely,

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