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BY OVERNIGHT MAIL AND E-MAIL

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



**RE: Docket No. DE 09-009
Settlement Agreement re RECs**

Dear Director Howland:

Enclosed on behalf of the Staff of the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission ("Staff") and Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. ("UES") are an original and six copies of a Settlement Agreement ("Agreement") in the above-referenced docket. In this Agreement, the Staff and UES propose for Commission approval a plan for UES' compliance with the requirements of the New Hampshire Electric Renewable Portfolio Standards law ("RPS Law").¹ As explained in more detail in the body of the Agreement, it is proposed that UES will conduct two Requests for Proposals ("RFPs") each year to obtain Renewable Energy Certificates ("RECs") to meet one-hundred percent (100%) of its REC requirements.

I have been authorized by the Office of Consumer Advocate ("OCA") to advise the Commission that OCA has reviewed the Agreement, is familiar with its contents and, although it will not be signing as a party, it has no objections to it being approved.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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¹ N.H. RSA 362-F.