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Sr. Vice President Distributed Energy Resources

By Overnight and Electronic Mail

Debra Howland, Executive Dir. and Secretary New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission 21 S. Fruit St., Suite 10 Concord, New Hampshire 03301-2429

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RE: Unitil Energy Services, Inc. Docket No. DE 09-137

Dear Executive Director Howland;

On behalf of Unitil Energy Systems Inc. and Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company (collectively "Unitil" or the "Company") I am filing this letter to inform the Commission of the status of communications between the Company and the Department of Public Utilities in Massachusetts (the "Department") relative to the delay in the implementation of our Time of Use Pilot Program to the summer of 2011.

In early April, we alerted the Department that we would not be able to conduct the Pilot Program in the summer of 2010 and would therefore be postponing implementation to the summer of 2011. This communication took place in advance of the Department's Order approving the Pilot Program, issued on April 12 in Docket D.P.U. 09-31, and in the context of extensive communications both written and verbal relative to the scheduling challenges for the Pilot Program. The Department's order contains certain compliance requirements but otherwise did not establish time bounds on the conduct of the Pilot Program. Among the compliance requirements were the filing of a Compliance Tariff, a copy of which is attached hereto, and the filing of an Evaluation Plan which we intend to file simultaneously in both states in the next few weeks. The Department's Order also indicates that a statewide working group on Smart Grid Pilot Program Evaluation would be established, an initiative which I expect will take some time to organize.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

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