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George R. Gantz Unitil Energy Systems, Inc 6 Liberty Lane West Hampton, NH 03842

Re:

DE 09-137 Unitil Energy Service's proposal for a Time of Use ("TOU") Pilot

Program for non-G1 commercial and industrial customers

Dear Mr. Gantz:

On January 14, 2011, Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. ("Unitil" or the "Company") filed a proposal for a Time-Of-Use (TOU) Pilot Program for non-GI commercial and industrial (C&I) customers as required in paragraph 2.9 of the Settlement Agreement approved by the Commission in Order No. 25,079 (February 26, 2010).

The pilot is designed to test the responsiveness of C&I customers to TOU price messages. It will target 30 C&I customers located in Unitil's seacoast region with peak demands ranging from 10 kW to 75 kW. A technology upgrade to the Company's Advanced Metering Infrastructure for "data streaming" from customer endpoints will be tested on one-third of the participating customers. The estimated cost for the pilot, \$98,250, will be collected from Non-G1 Default Service customers and will increase the Non-G1 Default Service rate by approximately \$0.00013 per kWh for the annual period beginning November 1, 2011.

On February 11, 2011, Staff submitted a recommendation to the Commission in which it stated that the proposed Pilot program as submitted meets the requirement under the Settlement Agreement approved by the Commission in Order No. 25,079. Staff also stated that the program design and estimated cost are reasonable.

Based on Staff's recommendation and the Commission's review, the Commission approves Unitil's Time of Use Pilot Program for non-G1 commercial and industrial customers as filed.

> Sincerely, sa A dala 6

Debra A. Howland **Executive Director**