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> Re: DE 10-001 Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. Investigation of 2008 Ice Storm Request for Suspension of Procedural Schedule

Dear Ms. Howland:

The approved procedural schedule calls for Staff and intervenor testimony to be filed today. Other than the Office of Consumer Advocate, there are no intervenors. Staff and the Company have begun discussions to explore the possibility of a resolution not involving a contested hearing and they believe that it would be productive to continue those discussions. Accordingly, request is made that the date for filing Staff and intervenor testimony be suspended until May 3, 2010, which should allow enough time for the discussions to be completed. The Office of Consumer Advocate does not object to this request. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Eduard Davas Edward N. Damon, Director

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