

June 14, 2017

## BY OVERNIGHT DELIVERY and E-Filing

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

RE: DE 16-384 Unitil Energy Systems, Inc.

Rate Case and Other Regulatory Expenses Filing

Dear Director Howland:

Enclosed on behalf of Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. ("Unitil") is one public and seven confidential copies of Unitil's Rate Case and Other Regulatory Expenses Filing in the above captioned proceeding. A number of the invoices and contracts submitted contain confidential material, and a Motion for Confidential Treatment and Protective Order for this material is included with the filing.

This filing is being made in accordance with the Settlement Agreement ("the Settlement") approved by the Commission in Order No. 26,007 on April 20, 2017. Section 2.7 and 2.8 of the Settlement provides that Unitil's Rate Case and Other Regulatory Expenses shall be recovered through Unitil's Schedule EDC, the External Delivery Charge, through a uniform rate per kWh. The Company's Schedule EDC filing will be made under separate cover on June 16, 2017.

As provided in the Settlement, Rate Case Expenses are to be amortized over one year, from August 1, 2017 through July 31, 2018, and Other Regulatory Expenses are to be amortized over three years, from August 1, 2017 through July 31, 2020. The filing includes a summary of rate case expenses and other regulatory expenses to date, including page references to the actual invoices. The summary provides Unitil's expenses by vendor and invoice date. The Company will update this filing for any invoices received after this date.

Due to their large size, the electronic versions of this filing are provided on the enclosed USB flash drive, rather than as e-mail attachments. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding this filing.

Sincerely,

Gary Epler

**Enclosures** 

cc: Donald Kreis, Office of the Consumer Advocate