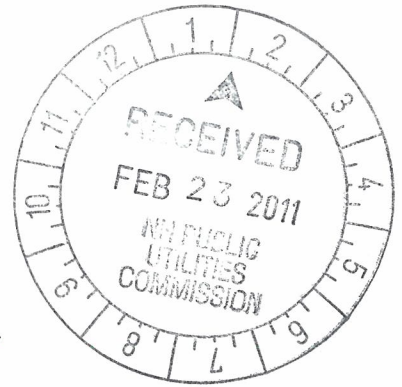




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New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10
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**RE: DE 10-055 Unitil Petition for Rate Increase
Filing of Settlement Agreement among Parties**

Dear Director Howland:

Attached for filing in Docket No. DE 10-055 is a Settlement Agreement signed by Unitil Energy Systems, Inc., the Office of the Consumer Advocate, and Commission Staff.

The Parties request that the Commission accept the attached Agreement pursuant to Puc 203.20(f). In support of their request, the Parties believe that acceptance of the Agreement at this time prior to the scheduled hearing will promote the orderly and efficient conduct of the proceeding and will not impair the rights of any party to the proceeding, as all parties are signatories to the Agreement.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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