

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

Inter-Department Communication

**DATE:** October 18, 2013**AT (OFFICE):** NHPUC

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**SUBJECT:** DE 13-079, Petition for Approval of Default Service Solicitation and Resulting Rates for the Small, Medium and Large Customer Groups for the Period Beginning December 2013

**TO:** Commissioners  
Debra A. Howland, Executive Director

On October 9, 2013, Unifil Energy Systems, Inc. ("UES or "the Company") filed information in response to the Commission's Order No. 25,579, (October 4, 2013) regarding the amount of RGGI rebates the Company has received from the State of New Hampshire, when the rebates were received, the interest rate on those monies that are held for the default service customers, the total amount, including interest, pending rebate to customers and a proposed tariff initiating the credit of the rebates to default service customers beginning December 1, 2013.

According to the Company, two rebates were received in 2013: one in May for a total of \$386,957 and one in August for a total of \$430,321. The rebates have been included as part of the Company's default service Power Supply reconciliation model and split between the Non-G1 and G1 classes based upon 2012 default service kWh sales. The Company calculated the amount of RGGI rebates due to default service customers, including interest at 3.25% (prime rate), to be \$769,211 for the Non-G1 class and \$59,053 for the G1 class.

Compared to rates filed on September 27, 2013 in DE 13-079, the inclusion of the RGGI rebate with interest results in a rate decrease of \$0.00215 per kWh for the Non-G1 class. For the period December 2013-May 2014, the total Non-G1 class fixed default service charge for the residential class is \$0.09556 per kWh. For the G2 and outdoor lighting classes, the total fixed default service charge for the same period is \$0.09016 per kWh. For the G1 class, the inclusion of the RGGI rebate with interest results in a rate decrease of \$0.00225 per kWh. Including the RGGI Rebates, which mitigate increases in the energy portion of customers' bills approved in Order No. 25,579, the average impact of the default service charge will be an increase of 16.3% for residential customers, 13.2% for G2 class customers, and 6.6% for outdoor lighting class customers.

Staff has reviewed the information and calculations filed by the Company and concluded that it complies with the Commission's order to refund the RGGI Rebates to all customers beginning December 1, 2013. Staff also recommends that the Commission issue a Secretarial letter approving how the RGGI Rebates were dealt with in accordance with the Commission's Order.