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Debra A. Howland, Executive Director and Secretary
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301-2425

Re: DE 15-147

Dear Director Howland:

Pursuant to the Order of Notice issued by the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission on June 4, 2015, in the above-referenced docket, enclosed please find an Affidavit of Publication and proof of publication in the New Hampshire Union Leader on June 8, 2015, on behalf of Unitil Energy Services, Inc.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joanne Robbins".

Joanne Robbins
Paralegal for Unitil

Enclosure

cc: Suzanne Amidon, Staff Counsel
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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
BEFORE THE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. (UES))
Proposal to Recover Displaced Distribution Revenue)
Due to Net Metering)

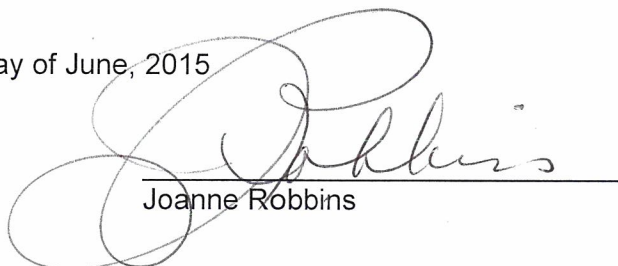
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AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

Joanne Robbins, having been duly sworn, states under oath as follows:

I certify that the Order of Notice in Docket DE 15-147, issued on June 4, 2015, has been made I hereby certify that the Order was published in the New Hampshire Union Leader on June 8, 2015.

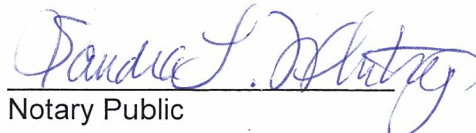
DATED this 17th day of June, 2015



Joanne Robbins

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE)
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COUNTY OF ROCKINGHAM)

On this 17th day of June, 2015, personally appeared before me Joanne Robbins, the signer of the above instrument, who duly acknowledged to me that she executed the same.



Notary Public

My commission expires: February 25, 2020

SANDRA L. WHITNEY
Notary Public - New Hampshire
My Commission Expires February 25, 2020

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMI

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION DE 15-147 UNITIL ENERGY SYSTEMS, INC. Proposal to Recover Displaced Distribution Revenue due to Net Metering ORDER OF NOTICE On May 13, 2013, Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. (Unitil or Company) filed a proposal to recover displaced revenue due to net metering generation through its External Delivery Charge (EDC) rate. Unitil expects to make its next EDC filing on June 17, 2015, for rates effective with service rendered on and after August 1, 2015. The instant filing was made pursuant to New Hampshire Code Admin. Rule Puc 903.02(o) that sets forth the process whereby an electric distribution utility may petition the Commission for reconciliation of the net effects of net metering on its default service and distribution revenues. In its proposal, Unitil seeks recovery of a total of \$41,628, of which \$15,261 is attributable to 2013, and \$26,367 to 2014. Unitil states that it had made a similar proposal in its 2014 EDC rate filing, but withdrew that portion of the EDC filing without prejudice. Since that time, Unitil modified some of the model assumptions, and excluded from its calculation amounts included in the Company's cost of service in its last distribution rate case. Unitil now seeks authority to recover the net effects of net metering on its distribution revenue, using the revised methodology. To derive the amount of displaced revenue for 2013 and 2014, Unitil calculated the kilowatt hours (kWh) displaced per kWh of alternate current (AC) generation installed based on the PVWatts generation model, used at the location of the Concord Airport. PVWatts is a commonly used model designed by the National Renewable Energy Laboratory for the purpose of estimating the generation of solar installations. Unitil made these calculations on a monthly basis. The calculated amount was then compared to the kWh billed each month for the customer. Depending on the amount of the generation and the kWh billed, the displaced distribution revenue was calculated by computing the appropriate kWh at each block level times the appropriate rate. Unitil said that, if recovery is approved, the result would be an incremental rate increase of 0.003 cents per kWh, or about a 2.00 cent increase to the current, average monthly residential bill of \$140.23. The Commission will consider this proposal on a different time frame than that required for Unitil's 2015 EDC rate filing to allow a thorough review by Staff and interested parties. The petition and subsequent docket filings, other than any information for which confidential treatment is requested or granted by the Commission, will be posted to the Commission's website at www.puc.nh.gov. The filing raises, inter alia, issues related to whether Unitil has appropriately calculated the net revenue displaced as a result of net metering, and whether the resulting rates are just and reasonable pursuant to RSA 378:5 and 7. Each party has the right to have an attorney represent the party at the party's own expense. Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby ORDERED, that a Prehearing Conference, pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.15, be held before the Commission located at 21 S. Fruit St., Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire on June 23, 2015 at 10:00 a.m., at which each party will provide a preliminary statement of its position with regard to the petition and any of the issues set forth in N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.15; and it is FURTHER ORDERED, that, immediately following the Prehearing Conference, Unitil, the Staff of the Commission and any Intervenor hold a Technical Session to review the petition and allow Unitil to provide any amendments or updates to its filing; and it is FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.12, Unitil shall notify all persons desiring to be heard at this hearing by publishing a copy of this Order of Notice no later than June 9, 2015, in a newspaper with general circulation in those portions of the state in which operations are conducted, publication to be documented by affidavit filed with the Commission on or before June 19, 2015; and it is FURTHER ORDERED, that consistent with N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.17 and Puc 203.02, any party seeking to intervene in the proceeding shall submit to the Commission seven copies of a Petition to Intervene with copies sent to Unitil and the Office of the Consumer Advocate on or before June 19, 2015, such Petition stating the facts demonstrating how its rights, duties, privileges, immunities or other substantial interest may be affected by the proceeding, as required by N.H. Code Admin. Rule Puc 203.17 and RSA 541-A:32, I(b); and it is FURTHER ORDERED, that any party objecting to a Petition to Intervene make said Objection on or before June 23, 2015. By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this fourth day of June, 2015. Debra A. Howland Executive Director Individuals needing assistance or auxiliary communication aids due to sensory impairment or other disability should contact the Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator, NHPUC, 21 S. Fruit St., Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire 03301-2429; 603-271-2431; TDD Access: Relay N.H. 1-800-735-2964. Notification of the need for assistance should be made one week prior to the scheduled event.

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