STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. Petition for Distribution Rate Increase))) DE 16-384)
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AFFIDAVIT

David L. Chong, having been duly sworn, states under oath as follows:

- 1. I am over eighteen years of age; I am competent to provide this affidavit; and I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth below.
- 2. I am employed by Unitil Service Corp. ("Service Corp.") as Director of Finance. I am also the Treasurer of Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. ("Unitil Energy").
- 3. Service Corp. is a corporation providing managerial, financial, regulatory and engineering services to the subsidiaries of Unitil Corporation, a New Hampshire corporation.
- 4. Unitil Energy is a wholly owned subsidiary of Unitil Corporation.
- 5. I am familiar with the facts of this proceeding.
- 6. With respect to the expenses incurred for the service providers retained by Unitil Energy, I certify that:
 - a. Unitil Energy used a competitive bidding process, and in selecting the winning bidders, considered information concerning the availability, experience, customary fees for similar services, quality, and cost of the service providers;
 - b. A competitive bidding process was not employed by Unitil Energy in the selection by of Attorney Ashley Brown to provide rebuttal testimony on behalf of Unitil Energy in docket DE 16-576. Rather, Unitil Energy considered the special expertise and experience of Attorney Brown as a former public utility commissioner for the State

of Ohio, his membership on numerous electric industry advisory boards, his authorship or co-authorship of journal articles regarding net metering issues, and, in particular, his recent testimonies and submitted comments on net metering cost recovery in several jurisdictions throughout the country.

c. The time spent on the cases by the service providers was undertaken in an efficient and cost effective manner.

DATED this 13th day of June, 2017.

Nitness Witness

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE) :ss

COUNTY OF ROCKINGHAM)

On this 13th day of June, 2017, then personally appeared before me David L. Chong, the signer of the above instrument, who duly acknowledged to me that he executed the same.

Notary Public

KRISTINA M. GUAY, Notary Public State of New Hampetite My Commission Explose May 27, 2020

Residing in Rockingham County

My Commission Expires: