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**BY OVERNIGHT MAIL AND E-MAIL**

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

**RE: DE 18-038, Unitil Energy Systems, Inc.  
Annual Major Storm Cost Reserve Fund Report**

Dear Director Howland:

On March 7, 2019, the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (Commission) issued a Secretarial Letter that directed Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. (Unitil) to restore \$47,131 to the Major Storm Cost Reserve Fund and book expenses related to work performed by Calypso Communications to Unitil's media or communications accounts, as Unitil deemed appropriate. On April 9, 2019, Unitil filed a motion for rehearing of the March 7th Secretarial Letter and requested implementation of an adjudicatory process. Pursuant to RSA 365:2 1, the Commission granted Unitil's motion by Secretarial Letter dated May 9, 2019.

The Commission Staff and Unitil are pleased to inform the Commission that they have engaged in negotiation of the dispute at issue in this matter and have reached the following settlement agreement: Unitil hereby agrees to withdraw its request for rehearing and implementation of an adjudicatory process, and does not seek any further proceeding in this docket. This withdrawal shall be without prejudice to Unitil to request recovery of the amount in dispute<sup>1</sup> through the Company's Major Storm Cost Reserve ("MSCR") in its next filing seeking an increase in base rates. Unitil shall have the burden of proof in such proceeding that any recovery requested is just and reasonable. The Staff and Unitil agree further that if the Commission accepts the terms of this settlement without modification, and as there are no other parties to this docket, they jointly

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<sup>1</sup> In a Memorandum filed with the Commission on April 18, 2019, the Staff agreed with Unitil that the total included in the March 7, 2019 Secretarial letter for the Calypso invoices should have been \$32,506.

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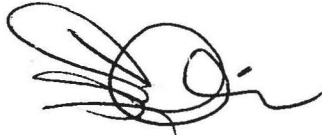
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recommend that this docket be closed upon issuance of a Secretarial Letter without need for further hearing or other proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

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Gary Epler  
Attorney for Unitil Energy Systems, Inc.

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