

**UNITIL ENERGY SYSTEMS, INC.**

**REBUTTAL TESTIMONY**

**OF**

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**Rebuttal Testimony of John D. Taylor**

2 **I. INTRODUCTION**

3 **Q. Please state your name and business address.**

4 A. My name is John D. Taylor, and I am employed by Atrium Economics, LLC (“Atrium”)  
5 as a Managing Partner. My business address is 10 Hospital Center Commons, Suite 400  
6 Hilton Head Island SC 29926.

7 **Q. Did you previously submit testimony in this proceeding on behalf of Unitil Energy  
8 Systems Inc. (“UES” or the “Company”)?**

9 A. Yes. My direct testimony filed in Unitil base rate proceeding Docket DE 21-030 was also  
10 filed by UES in this docketed proceeding in support of UES’s proposed Time-of-Use  
11 (“TOU”) rates for the domestic class and for electric vehicle (“EV”) charging. My direct  
12 testimony in DE 21-030, as it relates to this proceeding, covered the methodology  
13 employed to develop four distinct TOU rates for the following new rates (1) Domestic  
14 TOU, (2) Domestic TOU for EV Charging, (3) small general service EV TOU Charging  
15 (less than 200 kVA), (4) large general service EV TOU Charging (greater than 200 kVA).  
16 Lastly, I discuss the TOU bill analyses prepared by Atrium and the proposal for a demand  
17 holiday for the two small and large general service EV TOU Rates.

18 **Q. What is the purpose of your rebuttal testimony?**

19 A. My rebuttal testimony responds to certain portions of the following direct testimony  
20 submitted by other parties. I will address issues relating to UES’s proposed electric

1 vehicle TOU rates and demand holiday as presented in the direct testimonies of New  
2 Hampshire Department of Energy (“DOE”) witness Sanem Sergici and Clean Energy New  
3 Hampshire and Conservation Law Foundation (“CENH/CLF”) witness Christopher  
4 Villarreal.

5 **Q. Are you sponsoring any schedules in support of your rebuttal testimony?**

6 A. Yes. I am sponsoring Schedule JDT-1 TOU Rate Model.xlsx which is the Excel based  
7 TOU rate model utilized in support of the rates and bill impacts presented in this rebuttal  
8 testimony.

9 **Q. What conclusions do you draw and further discuss in this rebuttal testimony**  
10 **relating to the direct testimonies of DOE witness Sergici and CENH/CLF witness**  
11 **Villarreal?**

12 A. Below are the primary conclusions and recommendations:  
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14 - CENH/CLF and UES both conclude an alternative proposal for demand charges is  
15 appropriate, and both look towards a straightforward holiday. The difference is  
16 that UES’s proposal is limited to four years and the holiday scales back each year;  
17 whereas CENH/CLF recommends a 100% holiday that would last up to 10 years  
18 or sooner if the total utilization across UES’s service territory reaches 30%. UES’s  
19 proposal demand holiday is appropriately limited in duration, limited in scope,  
20 addresses the challenge of demand charges, and ultimately limits the breadth of  
21 subsidies that may exist.

- 1           - Both the DOE and UES TOU rate derivation methods time differentiate those costs  
2           that do relate to system peak demand; generation costs and transmission  
3           costs. This is a benefit of an unbundled jurisdiction where different cost  
4           occurrences are recovered through different recovery and rate mechanisms.
- 5           - The overwhelming vast majority of distribution costs do not vary based on time of  
6           day nor the level of energy consumed. Recovering demand-related costs in a time-  
7           varying kWh rate creates distortions and results in cross-subsidies.
- 8           - Time-varying distribution energy rates are not a sufficient alternative to demand  
9           rates for the recovery of demand-related costs and are particularly problematic for  
10          large EV stations.
- 11          - The New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) should accept  
12          UES proposed TOU rates and demand alternative as proposed in UES’s direct  
13          filing.

14   **II. CLEAN ENERGY NEW HAMPSHIRE AND CONSERVATION LAW**

15    **FOUNDATION**

16   **Q.    Please summarize the conclusions drawn by CENH/CLF witness Villarreal.**

17    A.    CENH/CLF witness Villarreal recommends the New Hampshire Public Utilities  
18          Commission (“Commission”) accept UES’s Time-of-Use rate design proposal, except for  
19          DC Fast Charge (“DCFC”) stations. For DCFC stations CENH/CLF witness Villarreal  
20          recommends rejecting UES’s four-year declining demand holiday proposal and

1 implementing a 100% demand holiday that exists until DCFC utilization factors reach  
2 30% or after ten years; whichever comes first.<sup>1</sup> CENH/CLF witness Villarreal states in  
3 support of this position that, “Not collecting demand charges should not have a substantial  
4 impact either to the site host or to customers since the low utilization rates of EV charging  
5 infrastructure means substantial costs are not being incurred.”<sup>2</sup>

6 **Q. How do you respond to the conclusions drawn by CENH/CLF witness Villarreal?**

7 A. First, CENH/CLF agrees with the TOU rates proposed for non-DCFC stations and limits  
8 their concern to the demand rate for DCFC stations. CENH/CLF witness Villarreal  
9 provides testimony on the challenge of demand charges for the promotion of EV adoption;  
10 a challenge recognized in my direct testimony.<sup>3</sup> We both conclude an alternative proposal  
11 for demand charges is appropriate, and both look towards a straightforward holiday. The  
12 difference is that UES’s proposal is limited to four years and the holiday scales back each  
13 year; whereas CENH/CLF recommends a 100% holiday that would last up to 10 years or  
14 sooner if the total utilization across UES’s service territory reaches 30%. Providing a  
15 100% demand rebate for upwards of 10 years can result in several distortions, notably,  
16 cost shifting across customers, across classes, and the inability for revenue recovery.  
17 CENH/CLF witness Villarreal is simply incorrect in his assertion that not collecting

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<sup>1</sup> CENH/CLF witness Villarreal Direct Testimony at page 4.

<sup>2</sup> CENH/CLF witness Villarreal Direct Testimony at page 8.

<sup>3</sup> Taylor Direct Testimony Exhibit JDT-1 at pages 29-31.

1 demand charges will not result in these distortions when there are low utilization rates  
2 because, "...substantial cost are not being incurred."<sup>4</sup> Regardless of a charging facility's  
3 actual utilization, distribution equipment that is dedicated to that facility and upstream  
4 assets will need to be sized to provide service to that facility based on that station's demand  
5 requirements. Costs to UES do not disappear when DCFC stations have low utilization  
6 rates. Any rebate program, holiday program, or rate structure that results in one customer  
7 not paying for facilities results in either another customer paying for those facilities or the  
8 utility not recovering the revenue to cover the costs of those facilities. UES's demand  
9 holiday proposal is appropriately limited in duration, limited in scope, addresses the  
10 challenge of demand charges, and ultimately limits the breadth of subsidies that may exist.  
11 Further, UES's four-year demand holiday program can be re-evaluated to ascertain if  
12 changes are beneficial and should be proposed.

13 **Q. Are similar demand holiday programs implemented by other electric utilities for**  
14 **EV charging facilities?**

15 A. Yes. I described in my direct testimony the programs of 1) Southern California Edison  
16 (2) PECO Energy Company in Pennsylvania, and (3) PSE&G in New Jersey. While there  
17 is a plethora of demand rebate programs in place across the country with varying methods

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<sup>4</sup> CENH/CLF witness Villarreal Direct Testimony at page 8.

1 utilities, commissions, and stakeholders often seek programs that are transparent, limited  
2 in scope and duration, and can be reviewed as this new load materializes.

3 **Q. Why is it important to review EV charging programs as load materializes?**

4 A. Any assumptions relating to the level of EV charging facilities, the exact load curves,  
5 utilization factors, peak demands, and cost implications are all based on a set of  
6 assumptions. For some utilities, these assumptions may only be informed by a handful of  
7 stations (or just one station) and rely on costs details from an existing class. Conclusions  
8 drawn on consumer behavior, utilization factors, load factors, or results of demand  
9 holidays or different rate structures are estimates and illustrative. This is particularly the  
10 case for UES; where there is limited system data from DCFC stations; as such the bill  
11 impacts and analyses presented in my direct testimony are illustrative; only presenting  
12 what may occur based on assumed customer patterns moving forward. Evaluating these  
13 customer patterns and utility costs in the future will help better understand the data and  
14 pros and cons of different rates to refine the approaches to EV rate design as necessary.  
15 This is akin to UES's LED lighting program; where an initial LED program was launched  
16 in UES's 2016 rate case and now UES is proposing an expansion of LED offerings as the  
17 technology has advanced, UES and its customers better understand the technology, and  
18 data is available on customer patterns and usage of this new technology.

1 **III. NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

2 **Q. Please summarize the conclusions drawn by DOE witness Sanem Sergici.**

3 A. Dr. Sergici states there is insufficient evidence as to why the rate seasons and time periods  
4 were used for the TOU rates, and that she prefers analysis showing a correlation between  
5 system loads and marginal costs.<sup>5</sup> Dr. Sergici recommends deriving the distribution cost  
6 component of the TOU rate by time-differentiating the distribution costs, which she asserts  
7 will assign the costs of the system assets to those hours driving the need for those assets.<sup>6</sup>  
8 The DOE recommends the Company evaluate whether it will incur additional costs  
9 resulting from customers charging from home in addition to the incremental meter costs.  
10 Lastly, Dr. Sergici states the demand charge holiday is not warranted since increased  
11 transportation electrification is not an official public-policy goal in New Hampshire. The  
12 DOE recommends replacing demand rates for these customers with time-varying kWh  
13 rates.<sup>7</sup>

14 **Q. How do you respond to the conclusion drawn by Dr. Sergici that further support is**  
15 **required for the time periods proposed by UES?**

16 A. With respect to the choice of time periods, I conducted a review of system load profiles  
17 and marginal costs when reviewing the four options under consideration with UES. This

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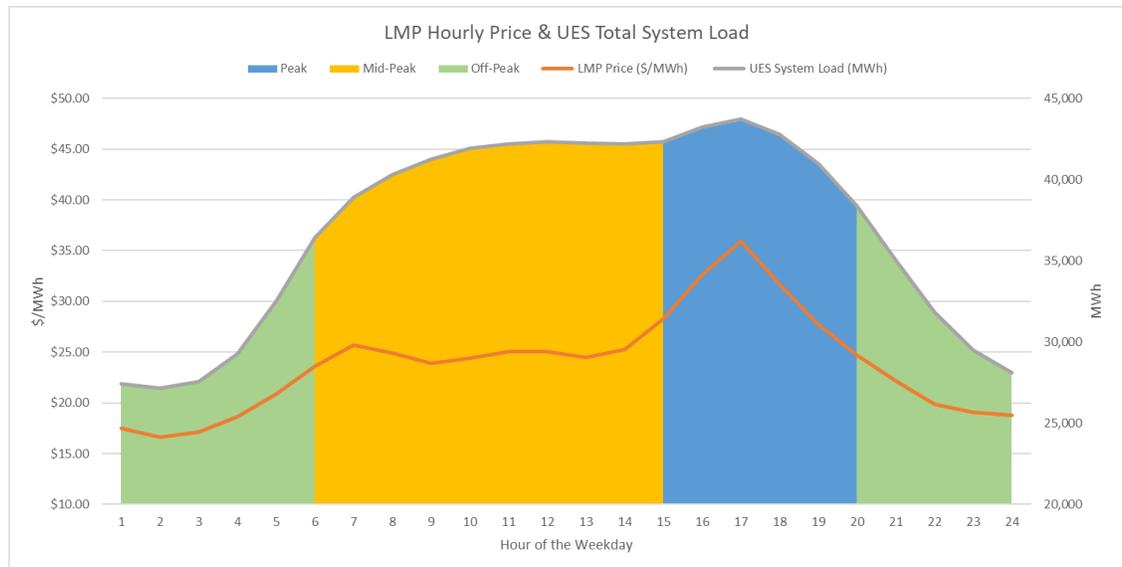
<sup>5</sup> D Sergici Direct Testimony at page 39.

<sup>6</sup> Sergici direct testimony at page 40.

<sup>7</sup> Sergici direct testimony at page 3.

1 information was provided in the Company's response to CLF & CENH 1-22. As can be  
2 seen in the below chart the time periods align well with LMP hourly prices.

3 **Figure 1 – LMP Hourly Prices & UES Total System Load Profile**



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5 Further, both Dr. Sergici and I analyzed transmission costs using a similar method and  
6 determined that the vast majority of transmission peaks occur during peak hours of 3pm  
7 to 8pm; 83% in the summer peak period and 94% in the winter peak period. As such I  
8 believe there is sufficient evidence for the time periods proposed by UES.

9 **Q. What support was provided with respect to the chosen seasons of winter and**  
10 **summer?**

11 A. The seasonal periods were chosen to align with the period used by UES to update  
12 generation rates, such that there would be limited periods in which TOU rates would be  
13 updated for customers across the year. While different seasonal periods could be defined,

1 any benefit from a cost causation perspective would likely be outweighed by decreases in  
2 customer understanding and acceptability and administrative simplicity.

3 **Q. Outside of cost causation, are other principles important to consider when**  
4 **evaluating rate design proposals?**

5 A. Yes. While there are various lists of rate design principles cited by regulatory pricing  
6 experts, there are always considerations relating to cost causation, price signals,  
7 simplicity, customer understanding, and issues relating to bill impacts and gradualism that  
8 must be evaluated. These principles can compete with each other, and this tension requires  
9 further judgment to strike the right balance between the principles. A recent presentation  
10 made by Dr. Sergici provides an excellent visual on the trade-offs required when  
11 evaluating rate design proposals.<sup>8</sup> See Fig. 2 below. However, the DOE's proposal does  
12 not provide a reasonable balance between cost-reflective rates, price signals, and  
13 considerations of impacts to customers, particularly when this industry is in its infancy  
14 and has significant implications on the environment.

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<sup>8</sup> Rate Reform in Evolving Energy Marketplace. Presented by Sanem Sergici, Ph.D. May 30, 2019, available at: [https://brattlefiles.blob.core.windows.net/files/16413\\_rate\\_reform\\_in\\_evolution\\_energy\\_marketplace.pdf](https://brattlefiles.blob.core.windows.net/files/16413_rate_reform_in_evolution_energy_marketplace.pdf)

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**Figure 2 – Competing Rate Design Principles**



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3 **Q. For purposes of developing EV rates, does the DOE recommend time-varying rates**  
4 **of the recovery of generation and transmission costs?**

5 A. Yes. We are generally in agreement with the methods proposed by Dr. Sergici to time  
6 differentiate the generation and transmission costs. While Dr. Sergici provides illustrative  
7 TOU rates for UES's G1 class without generation costs; as did UES in their direct filing,  
8 the DOE does present a modified version of time differentiating generation costs for the  
9 other utilities in this proceeding. For these other utilities, and presumably UES's  
10 residential and G2 classes, Dr. Sergici assigns 20% of default service costs to the peak

1 period to reflect the fixed costs associated with FCM charges.<sup>9</sup> With regard to time-  
2 varying transmission, our methods are nearly identical with Dr. Sergici using the last 10  
3 years of ISO-NE monthly peak hours<sup>10</sup> whereas my direct testimony relied upon the last  
4 20 years.

5 **Q. How do you respond to Dr. Sergici's proposal to recover distribution costs by**  
6 **creating a time-varying kWh rate?**

7 A. This is the major area of disagreement between the DOE witness's evidence in this  
8 proceeding and UES's evidence in this proceeding and past proceedings on the nature of  
9 distribution costs. The primary points that I will reiterate are as follows:

- 10 • The overwhelming vast majority of distribution costs do not vary based on time of day  
11 nor the level of energy consumed.
- 12 • Both the DOE and UES methods time differentiate those costs that do relate to system  
13 peak demand; generation costs and transmission costs. This is a benefit of an  
14 unbundled jurisdiction where different cost occurrences are recovered through  
15 different recovery and rate mechanisms.
- 16 • Recovering demand-related costs in a time-varying kWh rate creates distortions and  
17 results in cross-subsidies.

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<sup>9</sup> Sergici direct testimony at page 25.

<sup>10</sup> Sergici direct testimony at page 44.

- 1 • Time-varying distribution energy rates are not a sufficient alternative to demand rates  
2 for the recovery of demand-related costs.
- 3 • While the DOE states there is no public policy goal supporting UES’s proposed  
4 demand holiday; from this perspective, there should also be no support for subsidies  
5 created by inappropriately recovering demand costs over time-varying kWh rates.

6 **Q. Did UES present evidence on which distribution costs vary and over what time**  
7 **those costs vary with respect to the time in which demand is imposed on the system**  
8 **by a customer?**

9 A. Yes. My direct testimony indicated that there is only “a small subset of distribution  
10 facilities relating to substations where load diversity (load occurring at different hours)  
11 can impact the overall investment requirements of a substation. These costs are incurred  
12 based on load estimates, where planning and construction can take years with a useful life  
13 of over forty years. These costs are functionalized in the Class Cost of Service Study to  
14 the sub-transmission function.”<sup>11</sup> This is shown in the company’s ACOSS model within  
15 Docket 21-030 (at Bates 1363) and presented below in Table 1:

16 **Table 1 - Sub-Transmission Function Percentage**

Class	Sub-Transmission Function Revenue Requirement	Total Revenue Requirement	Percent relating to Sub-Transmission Function
Domestic	\$4,264,802	\$50,636,343	8%
G2	\$1,927,482	\$13,612,184	14%
G1	\$1,672,924	\$5,906,950	28%

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<sup>11</sup> Taylor Direct Testimony Exhibit JDT-1 at pages 20.

1 While Dr. Sergici removed distribution costs recovered through the fixed customer charge,  
2 the proposed method time-varied the recovery of all remaining distribution costs. This  
3 includes the recovery of meters, services, transformers, and local conductors; equipment  
4 sized for a customer's peak demand requirements. If an EV station requires a dedicated  
5 transformer; a common requirement of DCFC stations, the transformers are sized for the  
6 EV station peak demand; irrespective of when that peak demand occurs. A fleet overnight  
7 charging facility still needs UES to provide a transformer and meter, and the costs of this  
8 equipment is the same as a similar-sized public charging facility that charges primarily  
9 during system peak hours. In short, the recovery of the vast majority of distribution costs  
10 should be spread evenly across all usage or recovered on a demand charge basis; not time-  
11 varied across all hours of the day.

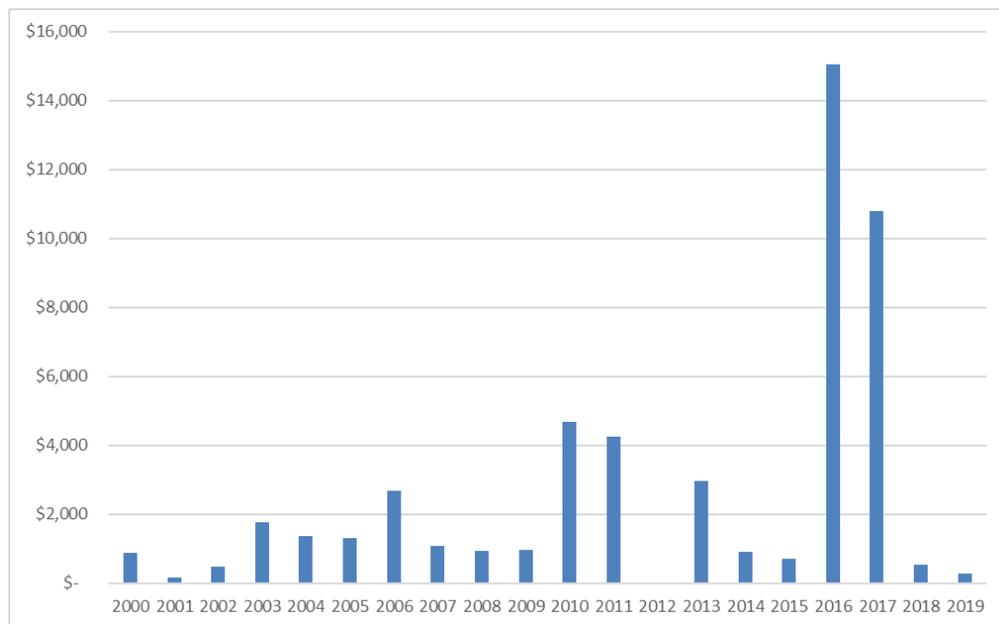
12 **Q. What are the consequences of time-varying the recovery of demand-related**  
13 **distribution costs that do not vary with time of day?**

14 A. Under DOE's proposed method, time-varying the recovery of costs that do not vary with  
15 the time of day results in distortions, leading to cross-subsidies or lost revenues. Under  
16 the DOE's proposal, a customer that reduces their distribution bill by consuming in the  
17 off-peak period does not result in any cost-savings to UES; the same size equipment for  
18 any local and dedicated facilities exist. As indicated above in the long run; defined as the  
19 time period in which substation equipment is replaced or new substation equipment is  
20 needed some costs may vary.

1 **Q. What conclusions can be drawn regarding the time period over which substation**  
2 **costs vary?**

3 A. Table 2 below presents the additions to account 362 Station Equipment over the last 20  
4 years as reported by UES's FERC Form 1 filings.

5 **Table 2 – UES Plant Additions in Account 362 – Station Equipment**



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7 As can be seen from this table substation investment represents lumpy investments; large  
8 infrequent movements rather than continuous and consistent adjustments over time. The  
9 life expectancy of these assets is approximately 49 years, as presented by UES's  
10 depreciation report filed in Docket DE 21-030.<sup>12</sup> While these costs may meet the DOE's  
11 definition of long-run marginal distribution costs; it is important to understand that this

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<sup>12</sup> Docket No. DE 21-030 Exhibit NWA-3 Page 49 of 195 (bates 001704)

1 definition would equate to 11% of UES’s total distribution revenue requirement and would  
2 be defined as decades, not months or years.

3 **Q. What costs incurred by UES do vary by the time of day and should be reflected in**  
4 **the time-varying marginal cost of providing electric vehicle charging services**

5 A. The costs that do vary based on time of day solely relate to generation costs and  
6 transmission costs. Time-varying these costs for which the DOE proposes and UES  
7 proposes is in alignment with the Commission’s instructions to utilities, “...Initial electric  
8 vehicle charging rate design shall reflect the marginal cost of providing electric vehicle  
9 charging services to the maximum extent practicable, provided that these rates will be  
10 updated and reconciled on a regular basis to ensure they reflect costs associated with  
11 customer usage patterns.”<sup>13</sup> One key aspect of the regulatory environment that impacts  
12 the evaluation of the merits of different proposals is that UES operates in an unbundled  
13 jurisdiction where the rates and recovery for generation, transmission, and distribution  
14 costs are no longer linked together. There is separate cost occurrence and cost recovery  
15 for generation resources through default service charges or third-party retail marketers,  
16 there is separate cost occurrence and recovery of transmission costs, and yet a third process  
17 and method to set appropriate distribution rates and cost recovery. The important point,  
18 and one that is recognized by Dr. Sergici is that these costs all differ in how they are

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<sup>13</sup> Order No. 26,394 at 4-5 available at: [https://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2020/20-004/ORDERS/20-004\\_2020-08-18\\_ORDER\\_26394.PDF](https://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2020/20-004/ORDERS/20-004_2020-08-18_ORDER_26394.PDF)

1 incurred by UES and how these costs differ across hours of the day and seasons of the  
2 year. There is alignment between the DOE and UES that generation and transmission  
3 costs are time-varying marginal costs that should be reflected in a TOU rate for EV  
4 charging stations. However, time-varying demand-related distribution costs is not a viable  
5 alternative to recovering these costs in a demand rate.

6 **Q. What is Dr. Sergici's position on TOU as alternative to demand rates?**

7 A. Dr. Sergici states that time-varying rates are a viable alternative to demand rate.

8 "I recommend that all three utilities propose an EV TOU alternative to current  
9 demand charge based rates for high demand draw commercial customer  
10 applications. In the absence of demand charges, the TOU rate is more consistent  
11 with the marginal cost principles, while minimizing cross subsidies."<sup>14</sup>

12 However, it is not apparent why the DOE is proposing to remove demand charges.  
13 Testimony has been presented in this proceeding, including my direct, that for EV  
14 chargers, demand charges can be initially challenging because EV equipment is likely to  
15 be used sporadically to start but still see high power demands, resulting in a final bill  
16 heavily tilted towards the demand charges. As such, parties to this proceeding and utilities  
17 across the United States have implemented demand charge alternatives including demand  
18 holidays, rates that reflect load factors and utilization rates, and flat kWh rates as a  
19 replacement of demand rates.

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<sup>14</sup> Sergici direct testimony at page 46.

1 **Q. Does the DOE argue that demand rates should be replaced with time-varying**  
2 **distribution rates to alleviate the impact demand rates can have on EV stations?**

3 A. No. DOE testimony states, “The State of NH does not have an official transportation  
4 electrification public-policy goal, therefore there is no public-policy basis for extending  
5 cross-subsidies for commercial charging applications at this time.”<sup>15</sup> From this statement,  
6 one can conclude that the DOE does not advocate for the replacement of demand charges  
7 with time-varying distribution rates to incentive EV adoption or alleviate the challenges  
8 demand rates can place on EV station economics. Thus, the testimony is unclear as to  
9 why the DOE proposes to recover demand-related costs that are recovered in a demand  
10 rate in a volumetric time-varying kWh rate. UES issued a data request to gain additional  
11 insights into this Dr. Sergici stated: “While distribution costs do not vary on an hourly  
12 basis, allocating these costs to hours where most of the demand takes place is an effective  
13 way to create a price signal to reduce the demand during these hours and avoid/mitigate  
14 future investments.”<sup>16</sup> As such, it appears Dr. Sergici is in agreement that distribution  
15 costs do not vary on an hourly basis and clarifies that the purpose is to send a price signal  
16 to avoid/mitigate future investments.

17 **Q. Are there other instances in which Dr. Sergici has opined on the appropriateness of**  
18 **time-varying distribution demand-related costs?**

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<sup>15</sup> Sergici Direct Testimony at 15

<sup>16</sup> DE 20-170 UES Data Request Set 1 – Response to Unifil 1-2 Witness: Dr. Sanem Sergici

1 A. Yes. A recent presentation made by Dr. Sergici states that distribution capacity costs do  
2 not necessarily correlate well with the system peak and that reduced usage in response to  
3 TOU rates may reduce peak generation and transmission requirements but this does not  
4 mean there is a reduction in distribution capacity requirements, and, “It may in fact mean  
5 that they are underpaying for distribution costs.”<sup>17</sup> The relevant page from this  
6 presentation is provided in Figure 1 below.

7 **Figure 3 – TOU Rates as Substitutes for Demand Charges**

Are TOU rates and demand charges substitutes?

**Demand charges and time-of-use pricing are complements, not substitutes**

- Volumetric TOU rates can fully recover generation and transmission capacity costs since they tend to be driven with the system peak. However, distribution capacity costs do not necessarily correlate well with the system peak
- Therefore, while a DER customer is reducing their usage in response to the TOU rates and reducing peak G&T requirements, it doesn't mean that they are also reducing D capacity requirements. It may in fact mean that they are underpaying for the distribution costs

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9 **Q. Under what circumstances can the introduction of volumetric TOU rates to recover**  
10 **distribution capacity costs result in a customer underpaying for distribution costs?**

11 A. A primary principle of electricity pricing recommends adherence to the overarching  
12 principle of cost-causation, i.e., pricing should be cost-based. When the recovery of

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<sup>17</sup> Rate Reform in Evolving Energy Marketplace. Presented by Sanem Sergici, Ph.D. May 30, 2019 available at: [https://brattlefiles.blob.core.windows.net/files/16413\\_rate\\_reform\\_in\\_evolution\\_energy\\_marketplace.pdf](https://brattlefiles.blob.core.windows.net/files/16413_rate_reform_in_evolution_energy_marketplace.pdf)

1 distribution capacity costs are based on non-cost causative principles then customers can  
2 over or under pay for distribution costs. This is evident when considering costs that are  
3 directly incurred to serve a single customer. Every customer premise requires a dedicated  
4 meter and dedicated service line; larger customers including DCFC customers may require  
5 large, dedicated transformers and dedicated primary lines to upstream substations  
6 (depending on location). If revenues from a customer are insufficient to recover the costs  
7 of this equipment then the customer is underpaying for distribution costs. Further, in as  
8 much as the costs for upstream equipment that serves multiple customers is not reduced  
9 as customers' bills are reduced based on the rate structure, those customers are  
10 underpaying for distribution costs. Time-varying distribution rates are not cost-causative,  
11 do not reflect marginal costing principles, and result in various distortions in prices,  
12 consumer behavior, and social outcomes.

13 **Q. What other distortions are created when fixed distribution costs are recovered in**  
14 **time-varying volumetric rates?**

15 A. The primary distortion is that consumers make economic choices that result in lower bills  
16 which do not result in lower distribution costs. The private household and business  
17 decisions do not align with the implications for society; bills are reduced, however no  
18 societal resources are saved, resulting in cost shifting and cross subsidies. Further, the  
19 DOE's proposal to recover more fixed costs during peak periods could lead to lower

1 adoption rates as customers are exposed to high peak period charging costs at public EV  
2 stations (see bill impacts presented below in testimony).

3 **Q. Can public charging stations simply charge more for peak periods than during off-**  
4 **peak periods?**

5 A. They may or may not be able to do so. EV charging stations that are offered to the public  
6 or support daytime charging may have limited ability to control or move use from one  
7 time period to another (i.e., their price elasticity can be very low). Dr. Sergici states that,  
8 “When faced with a TOU rate that charges them higher rates during the peak period, the  
9 owners of the public chargers are likely to respond with altering their own pricing  
10 structures, and passing on these price signals to their own customers.”<sup>18</sup> Another response  
11 may be that the owners of public chargers choose not to build stations because the  
12 economics and/or customer experience are not sufficient to meet their investment  
13 thresholds. As stated above the DOE’s proposal does not provide a reasonable balance  
14 between cost-reflective rates, price signals, and considerations of impacts to customers;  
15 particularly when this industry is in its infancy and has significant implications on the  
16 environment.

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<sup>18</sup> Sergici direct testimony at page 32.

1 **IV. REPLICATING DOE'S PROPOSED METHODOLOGY**

2 **Q. Were TOU rates prepared for the three TOU rate offerings using the proposed**  
3 **DOE methodology discussed above in this testimony?**

4 A. Yes. Atrium replicated the methods presented by the Dr. Sergici within the Atrium TOU  
5 Excel-based model ("TOU Rate Model") that was used for the development of UES's  
6 TOU rate offerings. Dr. Sergici only presented illustrative rates for the TOU-EV-G1:  
7 large general service EV TOU Charging (greater than 200 kVA). The model was also  
8 updated for the other two proposed TOU rate offerings (1) TOU-EV-D: Domestic TOU  
9 for EV Charging and (2) TOU-EV-G2: small general service EV TOU Charging (less than  
10 200 kVA).

11 **Q. Please describe the methods utilized to replicate the proposed DOE methodology**  
12 **within the TOU Rate Model?**

13 A. First, within the generation (Default Service) calculation (for Domestic and G2 only), the  
14 generation revenue requirement was separated by percentage into forward capacity market  
15 (FCM) costs (20%) and non-FCM costs (80%). Unitil's direct filing did not distinguish  
16 between FCM and non-FCM costs. To match the DOE's method non-FCM costs were  
17 only allocated to summer peak hours. Next, within the transmission calculation, the  
18 transmission revenue requirements by TOU periods are now based on the ten-year (2010-  
19 2020) period of ISO-NE monthly peaks rather than the twenty-year period (2000-2020)  
20 used in UES's direct filing. Lastly, distribution costs are allocated on a time-varying basis

1 using the “volumetric portion of distribution revenue” (i.e. total annual distribution  
2 revenue minus the annual revenue from customer charges), and allocating that annual total  
3 to each time period using the steps below.

- 4 • The time-varying component of these TOU rates is designed to recover the classes  
5 volumetrically recovered distribution revenues at present rates. The total current  
6 revenues for each corresponding existing rate class (Domestic, G1, and G2) was first  
7 reduced by the costs recovered through the fixed monthly customer charge for that  
8 class to derive the costs to be recovered through the time-varying kWh rate.
- 9 • The distribution costs for each rate class are calculated each hour within the year by  
10 taking the total system load from that hour squared and then calculating the  
11 percentage of the total system load squared that that hour represents for the whole  
12 year. That hourly percentage is then multiplied by each rate class’s volumetric  
13 portion of distribution revenue to then derive the monetary portion each hour  
14 represents of that total volumetric revenue.
- 15 • Those hourly monetary portions are then summed within each TOU period to  
16 represent the Distribution Revenue Requirement recovered by TOU rates.
- 17 • That TOU period distribution revenue requirement is then divided by each classes’  
18 customers energy usage in each TOU period to derive a time-period specific  
19 Distribution TOU rate (\$/kWh).

20 As discussed above the DOE’s proposed approach for distribution costs is fundamentally  
21 different from UES’s direct filing as UES’ position is that these distribution costs do not

1 vary across hours of the day and are fixed with respect to the demand placed on the  
 2 system.

3 **Q. What are the resulting rates and peak to off-peak ratio for each of the three EV**  
 4 **related TOU rates?**

5 **A.** The below tables present the results of this modeling for the three EV-related TOU rates.

6 **Table 3 – Replication of DOE’s Proposed Method – TOU-EV-D**

**TOU-EV-D: Domestic TOU for EV Charging**

	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
TOU Period	Default Service TOU Rates (\$/kWh)	Transmission TOU Rates (\$/kWh)	Default Service TOU + Transmission TOU Rates (\$/kWh)	Distribution TOU Rates (\$/kWh)	Total EV Domestic TOU Rates (\$/kWh)	Resulting Ratio	
1 <b>Summer_Peak</b>	0.26755	0.14525	0.41280	0.04019	0.45299	4.78	
2 <b>Summer_Off-peak</b>	0.05902	0.00408	0.06310	0.03165	0.09475	1.00	
3 <b>Summer_Mid-peak</b>	0.07233	0.02496	0.09729	0.04438	0.14167	1.50	
4 <b>Winter_Peak</b>	0.07163	0.16408	0.23571	0.03603	0.27174	2.88	
5 <b>Winter_Off-peak</b>	0.05817	0.00577	0.06394	0.03033	0.09427	1.00	
6 <b>Winter_Mid-peak</b>	0.05972	0.00774	0.06746	0.04190	0.10936	1.16	

8 **Table 4 - Replication of DOE’s Proposed Method – TOU-EV-G2**

**TOU-EV-G2: small general service EV TOU Charging (less than 200 kVA)**

	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
TOU Period	Default Service TOU Rates (\$/kWh)	Transmission TOU Rates (\$/kWh)	Service TOU + Transmission TOU Rates (\$/kWh)	Distribution TOU Rates (\$/kWh)	Total EV <200 KVA TOU Rates (\$/kWh)	Resulting Ratio	
1 <b>Summer_Peak</b>	0.26209	0.18050	0.44260	0.05835	0.50095	5.32	
2 <b>Summer_Off-peak</b>	0.04882	0.00408	0.05290	0.04131	0.09422	1.00	
3 <b>Summer_Mid-peak</b>	0.06232	0.02024	0.08256	0.03991	0.12247	1.30	
4 <b>Winter_Peak</b>	0.06689	0.18019	0.24708	0.04607	0.29315	2.98	
5 <b>Winter_Off-peak</b>	0.05434	0.00591	0.06024	0.03813	0.09837	1.00	
6 <b>Winter_Mid-peak</b>	0.05600	0.00686	0.06286	0.03694	0.09980	1.01	

1 **Table 5 - Replication of DOE’s Proposed Method – TOU-EV-G1**

**TOU-EV-G1: large general service EV TOU Charging (greater than 200 kVA)**

	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
		Default Service TOU Rates (\$/kWh)	Transmission TOU Rates (\$/kWh)	Default Service TOU + Transmission TOU Rates (\$/kWh)	Distribution TOU Rates (\$/kWh)	Total EV >200 KVA TOU Rates (\$/kWh)	Resulting Ratio
1 <b>TOU Period</b>							
2 <b>Summer_Peak</b>		-	0.17751	0.17751	0.03229	0.20980	8.17
3 <b>Summer_Off-peak</b>		-	0.00408	0.00408	0.02159	0.02567	1.00
4 <b>Summer_Mid-peak</b>		-	0.02097	0.02097	0.02348	0.04446	1.73
5 <b>Winter_Peak</b>		-	0.18781	0.18781	0.02706	0.21486	7.89
6 <b>Winter_Off-peak</b>		-	0.00589	0.00589	0.02133	0.02722	1.00
7 <b>Winter_Mid-peak</b>		-	0.00707	0.00707	0.02234	0.02941	1.08

3 **Q. What conclusions or recommendations can be drawn from these resulting time-**  
 4 **varying rates and associated peak to off-peak ratios?**

5 **A.** One key element to the rationale for the DOE’s proposal is, “Cost-reflective price signals  
 6 created by this approach are expected to incentivize customers to shift their load to lower  
 7 cost hours and mitigate the peak growth.”<sup>19</sup> While there is significant disagreement as to  
 8 the cost-reflective price signal created when time-varying distribution costs, it can be  
 9 noted that during peak periods, under the DOE’s approach, the vast majority of the time-  
 10 varying kWh rate consists of default service and transmission costs. For instance, for the  
 11 Domestic EV class, 91% of the summer peak rate relates to default service and  
 12 transmission costs. Another way to view this is the time-varying default service and  
 13 transmission costs results in a rate of \$0.41459 (Table 3 line 2 column D) during the  
 14 summer peak hours; compared to the current distribution kWh rate of \$0.03558. The DOE

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<sup>19</sup> Sergici direct testimony at page 46.

1 has presented no evidence that it is necessary to increase the TOU peak rate by 9%, by  
2 time-varying demand-related distribution costs to incentivize customers to shift their load.  
3 Similar conclusions can be drawn for the other two rates by reviewing data in Table 4 and  
4 Table 5.

5 **Q. What are the implications of the DOE's TOU rates for EV charging station bills?**

6 A. Atrium conducted a bill impact analysis using the rates resulting from the replication of  
7 DOE's methods, as described above. For the G1 customer class, illustrative bill impacts  
8 with load factors of 5% and 10% for an average summer month were constructed to show  
9 the differences between Unitil's current rates, Unitil's EV TOU proposal, and DOE's  
10 method for calculating TOU EV rates. A billed demand was assumed at 300 kVA, and  
11 non-holiday weekday monthly energy was calculated assuming a 95% power factor for a  
12 DCFC station load profile and a 5% or 10% load factor. Energy charges were calculated  
13 for each hour of a 24-hour period the hourly load profile and each subsequent rate design  
14 method. Demand charges were then calculated given respective demand rates (\$7.60/kVA  
15 for current and Unitil's EV TOU proposal, and zero for DOE's method) and demand cost  
16 reductions (75% reduction for Unitil's EV TOU proposal). The total monthly charges for  
17 each rate design method (exclusive of generation costs), as well as the differences from  
18 Current Rates, can be seen in Table 6 and Table 7 below.

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**Table 6 – Bill Impact – 5% Load Factor Assumption**

<b>G1 EV w/ LF 5%</b>	<b>Current Rate</b>	<b>Unitil EV TOU Proposal (75% demand reduction)</b>	<b>DOE Method (100% Energy)</b>
Billed Demand (kVA)	300	300	300
Monthly Energy (kWh)	34,200	34,200	34,200
Load Factor	5%	5%	5%
Customer Charge (\$/month)	\$ 86.49	\$86.49	\$86.49
Energy Charges	\$1,242.23	\$2,506.72	\$3,663.31
Demand Charges	\$2,280.00	\$570.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL Monthly Charge</b>	<b>\$3,608.72</b>	<b>\$3,163.21</b>	<b>\$3,749.80</b>
<i>Difference from Current Rates</i>		<i>(\$445.52)</i>	\$141.08

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**Table 7 - Bill Impact – 10% Load Factor Assumption**

<b>G1 EV w/ LF 10%</b>	<b>Current Rate</b>	<b>Unitil EV TOU Proposal (75% demand reduction)</b>	<b>DOE Method (100% Energy)</b>
Billed Demand (kVA)	300	300	300
Monthly Energy (kWh)	102,600	102,600	102,600
Load Factor	10%	10%	10%
Customer Charge (\$/month)	\$86.49	\$86.49	\$86.49
Energy Charges	\$3,726.70	\$5,188.91	\$7,583.06
Demand Charges	\$2,280.00	\$570.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL Monthly Charge</b>	<b>\$6,093.19</b>	<b>\$5,845.40</b>	<b>\$7,669.55</b>
<i>Difference from Current Rates</i>		<i>(\$247.79)</i>	\$1,576.36

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5 **Q. What do these bill impacts demonstrate with respect to the TOU rate proposals and**  
 6 **the demand charge holiday proposal?**

1 A. While the demand component of EV stations bills can be a large portion of total costs and  
2 prohibitive in the development of these stations, so too can time-varying energy costs.  
3 The proposed TOU rate design presented by Dr. Sergici results in higher bills for EV  
4 station owners and are significantly higher when load factors increase; as revenues  
5 recovered through demand charges are over collected through distribution kWh charges.  
6 The TOU rates proposed by the Company and the demand charge holiday are well-  
7 balanced where time varying rates are in place for generation and transmission costs with  
8 a recognition that stations demand charges can be prohibitive. UES's proposal is the  
9 proper balance of cost-reflective rates and associated price signals, bill impacts, and  
10 simplicity and acceptance.

11 **Q. Does this conclude your direct testimony?**

12 Yes, it does.