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Daniel C. Goldner, Chairman **Public Utilities Commission** 21 S. Fruit Street Concord, NH 03301-2429

DE 24-033 Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. Petition to Increase Storm Recovery

Adjustment Factor DOE and UES Joint Proposed Procedural Schedule

Dear Chairman Goldner:

A prehearing conference was held in this docket on March 28, 2024, with a technical session immediately thereafter. See Commencement of Adjudicative Proceeding, Notice of Prehearing Conference, Notice of Hearing, and Suspension of Tariff (March 21, 2024).

The New Hampshire Department of Energy ("DOE" or "the Department") and Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. ("UES" or "the Company") have reached agreement with regard to a proposed procedural schedule and submit the following schedule for the Commission's review, for rates proposed to be effective June 1, 2024. As provided at the prehearing conference, the parties are preparing for hearing on May 16, 2024, with exhibits, an exhibit list and a witness list due May 10, 2024.

| <u>Event</u> | Date and (if appropriate) Time |
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| Set 1 Data Request (DR) to UES | April 5, 2024 |
| UES Responses to DRs | April 15, 2024 |
| Technical Session/ Settlement Discussion | April 24, 2024 1 pm to 4pm |
| Set 2 DRs to UES | April 26, 2024 |
| UES Responses to DRs | May 3, 2024 |
| DOE Technical Statement | May 10, 2024 |
| Exhibit List, Witness List, Exhibits | May 10, 2024 |
| Hearing | May 16, 2024, time TBD |

The above schedule anticipates that the Department's Final Audit will be filed with its Technical Statement. In the event that the audit is not available before the hearing, the Department's recommendation will be made subject to audit.

By and through counsel, UES and the Department jointly ask the Commission to approve the above procedural schedule. Consistent with the Commission's current practices, this letter is being filed only in electronic form.

Sincerely,

s/Mary E. Schwarzer

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