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Re:

DE 18-029, Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. Proposed Tariff Changes

Approving Tariff Changes Effective April 1, 2018

Dear Mr. Epler:

On March 2, 2018, Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. (UES), filed proposed tariff changes effective April 1, 2018, for:

Pages 4 and 5, Summary of Delivery Service Rates Pages 66 and 67, External Delivery Charge, Schedule EDC

UES stated that the tariff changes are necessary to properly bill and credit net metering customers taking service under UES's alternative net metering tariff. In order to do so, UES's External Delivery Charge (EDC) must be broken out into transmission and non-transmission components. UES does not propose to change its effective EDC of \$0.02637/kWh, which was approved for the period August 1, 2017 through July 31, 2018, as part of Docket DE 17-102, but only to break down the EDC into a transmission-only portion of \$0.02582/kWh and a non-transmission portion of \$0.00055/kWh.

UES also proposes modifications to the EDC tariff to allow, subject to Commission review, the future recovery of certain categories of costs approved for recovery in Order No. 26,029 (June 23, 2017) in Docket DE 16-576. Those approved cost categories include net metering credits; meters installed and related data management; independent monitoring services, bi-directional and production meters installed and related data management systems and processes; pilot programs; studies; and data collection, maintenance and dissemination.

On March 28, 2018, Staff filed a memorandum summarizing its analysis of UES's proposed tariff changes and recommending that the Commission allow the proposed tariff changes to go into effect on April 1, 2018.

The Commission has reviewed Unitil's tariff filing and Staff's recommendation, and has determined that the proposed tariff changes are just and reasonable. Accordingly, the revised tariff pages are approved effective as of April 1, 2018, and tariff pages should be filed referencing Docket No. 18-029 with an effective date of April 1, 2018.

Sincerely,

Debra A. Howland

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Executive Director

cc: Docket File/ Service List