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Daniel C. Goldner, Chairman
Public Utilities Commission
21 S. Fruit Street
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Re: DE 23-017 Unutil Energy Systems, Inc. Annual Major Storm Cost Reserve Fund Report 2022, *DOE Motion to Amend Its Proposed Filing Deadline from June 30, 2023 to August 31, 2023, with Unutil's Assent*

Dear Chairman Goldner:

The New Hampshire Department of Energy ("the Department" or "DOE") respectfully requests that the Commission permit the Department to amend its proposed deadline for filing a Technical Statement or Report and Recommendation in this docket from Friday, June 30, 2023 to Thursday August 31, 2023. See Commission Procedural Order (March 27, 2023); Department's Response to Procedural Order (April 17, 2023) (proposing a June 30 filing date).

The Department seeks this extension because due to the press of other business, which could not otherwise be assigned, and which impacts rates more immediately and directly than does the Unutil Energy Systems Inc. 2022 Annual Storm Cost Reserve Fund Report, the Department requires additional time.

The Department's request for this extension is consistent with Commission requirements. See N.H. Code of Admin. Rules Puc 202.04. Circumstances "would cause undue hardship or inconvenience unless the request is granted" because without the Department's Technical Statement or Report and Recommendation, the Commission would not be fully informed prior to accepting the report. In the opinion of the Department, the extension would not unduly delay the proceeding or adversely affect the rights of any party. See id.

The Department has sought consent of the other party to this docket, Unutil Energy Systems Inc, ("Unutil" or "the Company").. See id. By and through counsel Matthew Campbell, Unutil Assents to the relief requested.

Consistent with the Commission's current practice, this letter is being filed in electronic format.

Respectfully Submitted,

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