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May 13, 2010

Re: DE 10-055, Unitil Energy Systems, Inc.
Rate Case
Procedural Schedule

To the Parties:

On May 7, 2010, a duly noticed prehearing conference was held in the above referenced proceeding. Appearances at the prehearing conference were entered by representatives of Unitil Energy Systems, Inc., the Office of the Consumer Advocate, and Commission Staff. There were no motions to intervene.

Following the prehearing conference, the parties and Staff met in a technical session and agreed upon the following schedule which was submitted to the Commission by letter from Staff dated May 7, 2010:

Temporary Rates

Data Requests	05/14/10
Data Responses	05/21/10
Technical Session	05/27/10 at 9:00 a.m.
Staff/Intervenor Testimony or Settlement Filed	06/02/10
Hearing on the Merits	06/10/10 at 9:00 a.m.

Permanent Rates

Rolling Discovery	begins 06/11/10
Responses to All Discovery Requests	within 14 days of receipt
Final Delivery of 1 st Round of Discovery Requests	07/02/10
Final UES Responses to 1 st Round of Discovery	07/20/10
Commission Audit Begins	05/10 – 06/10
Technical Sessions	07/28-29/10
2 nd Round of Discovery Requests	through 08/13/10
Responses to All Discovery Requests	within 14 days of receipt
Final UES Responses to 2 nd Round of Discovery	08/27/10

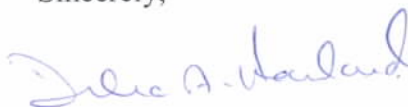
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Draft Audit Report Issued	09/08/10
Final Audit Report Issued	09/22/10
Technical Sessions	09/28-29/10
Discovery Requests Issued on Audit Report	10/01/10
Discovery Responses Due on Audit Report	10/13/10
Staff/Intervenor Testimony	11/05/10
Data Requests on Staff/Intervenor Testimony	11/17/10
Final Data Responses from Staff/Intervenors	12/03/10
Technical Sessions	12/08-09/10
Rebuttal Testimony of UES	01/12/11
Settlement Sessions	01/19-20/11
Filing of Settlement, if any	01/28/11
Hearings on the Merits	02/08-09/11

The Commission has determined that the proposed schedule is in the public interest and therefore has approved it. For administrative efficiency, the Commission has elected to issue this Secretarial Letter as its prehearing order in this proceeding.

Sincerely,



Debra A. Howland
Executive Director