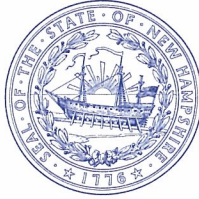


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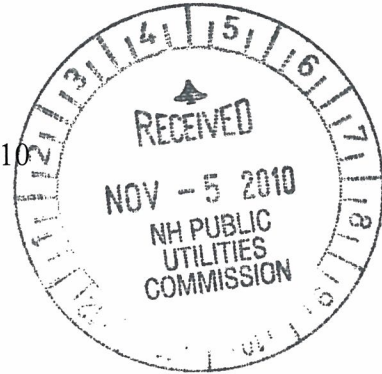
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Re: DE 10-055, Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. - Distribution Rate Case
Staff Pre-filed Testimony

Dear Ms. Howland:

Please find enclosed the pre-filed direct testimonies of Steven E. Mullen, George R. McCluskey, James C. Cunningham, Jr., Jim Brennan, John W. Wilson and Michael D. Cannata, Jr. on behalf of the Staff of the Commission in the above-captioned matter.

Mr. Cannata has both a public and a confidential version of his testimony. The confidential version of his testimony will be filed under separate cover. In his testimony, Mr. Cannata makes reference to a number of discovery responses, some of which were marked as confidential. Copies of those discovery responses will be provided to the Commission in hard copy. However, given the volume involved, hard copies of the responses will not be provided to the parties in the docket unless requested. Staff also plans to work with the Company to identify whether it still considers certain responses and/or portions of responses confidential; we will inform the Commission accordingly.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lynn Fabrizio".

Lynn Fabrizio
Staff Attorney

cc: Service List