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September 24, 2014

Ms. Debra Howland Executive Director New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission 21 South Fruit Street Suite 10 Concord, NH 03301-2429

Re: Unitil's Petition for Authority to operate in the Town of Dover

Dear Ms. Howland:

The Strafford County Commissioners strongly support Unitil's plan to provide natural gas service to the Strafford County facilities. This includes supporting the extension of the gas line to the county complex attached to the dover walking bridge over the Cocheco River.

The availability of natural gas service at the Strafford County Complex will save approximately \$150,000 annually. This saving will ultimately reduce the tax burden from the county to the residents of Strafford County.

Thank you;

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Raymond F. Bower County Administrator