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Debra A. Howland
Executive Director
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
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Re: Docket No. DE 16-576; Electric Distribution Utilities Development of New Alternative Net Metering Tariffs - Revised QF Tariff Submission

Dear Director Howland:

The New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") Order No. 25,972 (Dec. 21, 2016) approved an "Interim Alternative Net Metering Tariff," which will "continue the same terms and conditions of the existing standard tariff," and which will take effect March 2, 2017. The Order also directed the utilities to file "revised tariff pages confirming to this order."

Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. ("Unitil Energy" or "the Company") does not have a net metering tariff, similar to the other distribution companies. Rather, there is a brief section in the tariff for Rates Applicable to Qualifying Facilities - Schedule QF ("QF tariff") that references net metering. The Company is revising the current tariff to reflect the applicability of net metering for facilities 1,000 kW or less rather than 25 kW or less, and to reference the effect of Order No. 25,972. Specifically, under the section titled "Purchase Rates," at Page 76, the proposed revised tariff now states:

Net Metering - Rates for Qualifying Facilities 1 MW or Less

Projects 1 MW and under using solar, wind, hydro, or other eligible renewable sources of generation shall have the option of being served under Net Energy Metering, as long as they meet all eligibility criteria, as specified by NH RSA 362-A:9; NHPUC Rules Chapter Puc 900: "Net Metering For Customer-Owned Renewable Energy Generation Resources of 1,000 kilowatts or less"; and Commission Order No. 25,972 in Docket No. DE 16-576, which preserves the current net metering program during the interim period beginning March 2, 2017, and ending when a subsequent order is issued approving a successor alternative net metering tariff.

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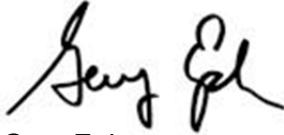
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Unitil Energy respectfully requests that the Commission approve these tariff revisions so that they will be in compliance with Order No.25,972. Please note that the Company filed tariff revisions in its rate case Docket DE 16-384 and those tariff revisions are currently suspended, therefore this second tariff revision is issued in lieu of the first revisions filed there.

Please also note that this submission is provided after the period specified in the Commission's Order. Accordingly, Unitil requests that, to the extent necessary, the Commission waive the deadline in the Order and accept this submission. As the new tariff will not take effect until after March 2, 2017, Unitil Energy submits that any waiver will not prejudice any party or person.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary Epler". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Gary" and the last name "Epler" clearly distinguishable.

Gary Epler
Attorney for Unitil

Enclosures

cc: Service list