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VIA HAND DELIVERY and ELECTRONIC FILING

Debra A. Howland, Executive Director and Secretary New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission 21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10 Concord, NH 03301-2429

RE: Unitil Energy Systems, Inc.

Annual Stranded Cost Recovery and External Delivery Charge

Reconciliation and Rate Filing

Docket No. DE 17-

Dear Director Howland:

On behalf of Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. ("UES"), enclosed please find an original and six (6) copies of UES's Annual Stranded Cost Recovery and External Delivery Charge Reconciliation and Rate filing. In support of the tariff changes requested, the filing includes the direct testimonies and schedules of Linda S. McNamara, Lisa S. Glover, and Douglas J. Debski.

Proposed Tariff Changes

UES is proposing the following tariffs for effect August 1, 2017:

- Thirtieth Revised Page 4 and 5, Summary of Delivery Service Rates
- Forty-Fourth Revised Page 6, Summary of Low-Income Electric Assistance Program Discounts
- Seventeenth Revised Page 65, Calculation of the Stranded Cost Charge
- Eighteenth Revised Page 67, Calculation of the External Delivery Charge

The proposed rates listed in the filed tariffs and supported by the enclosed testimony and schedules are summarized in the table below.

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<u>Class</u>	Stranded Cost Charge	External Delivery Charge
Residential	(\$0.00057)/kWh	\$0.02637/kWh
General Service G2 (kWh rates)	(\$0.00057)/kWh	\$0.02637/kWh
General Service G2	(\$0.11)/kW and (\$0.00011)/kWh	\$0.02637/kWh
Large General Service	(\$0.14)/kVA and (\$0.00014)/kWh	\$0.02637/kWh
Outdoor Lighting	(\$0.00057)/kWh	\$0.02637/kWh

For customers taking Default Service, the average class bill impacts as a result of these proposed rates are an approximate 2.7 percent increase for the residential class, 3.0 percent increase for the general service classes, 3.9 percent increase for the large general service class, and 1.4 percent increase for the Outdoor lighting class.

In accordance with the Settlement Agreement approved by the Commission in Order No. 26,007 on April 20, 2017, Sections 2.7 and 2.8 provide that UES' Rate Case and Other Regulatory Expenses incurred in dockets DE 16-384 and DE 16-576 and IR 15-296, respectively, shall be recovered through the External Delivery Charge. UES made its Rate Case and Other Regulatory Expenses Filing with the Commission under separate cover on June 14, 2017. As discussed in the testimony of Linda S. McNamara, the Company has included these costs in its proposed External Delivery Charge effective August 1, 2017.

If you should have any questions or comments concerning this filing, please do not hesitate to contact our office. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Gary Epler

Attorney for Unitil Energy Systems, Inc.

Enclosures

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D. Maurice Kreis, Consumer Advocate

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