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The Northeast Utilities System

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

Re: Capacity To Expand CORE Programs
Request For Extension of Filing Deadline

Dear Secretary Howland:

On January 14, 2009, the Commission directed Granite State Electric Company d/b/a National Grid, the New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc., Public Service Company of New Hampshire, and Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. (hereinafter "the Electric Utilities") to file by March 2, 2009, a detailed report describing their ability to expand the CORE Programs. The Electric Utilities respectfully request an extension of this deadline to March 20, 2009. On this date, the Electric Utilities will fully respond to the Commission's request for information and anticipate submitting a response to the Commission's Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative Request For Proposals (RGGI RFP). The Electric Utilities expect that there will be a great deal of overlap between the Commission's information request of January 14, 2009, and the RGGI RFP. Granting this extension will allow the utilities to prepare a single filing that is responsive to both the Commission's information request and the RFP.

Very truly yours,

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cc: Office of Consumer Advocate