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VIA OVERNIGHT & ELECTRONIC MAIL

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



Re:

<u>DE 09-010; Granite State Electric Company d/b/a National Grid Default Service</u> <u>Request for Proposals for the Period February 1, 2010 through April 30, 2010 for the</u> <u>Large Customer Group</u>

Dear Ms. Howland:

On October 30, 2009, Granite State Electric Company d/b/a National Grid ("National Grid" or "Company") plans to issue a Default Service Request for Proposals ("RFP") to procure default service for the period February 1, 2010 through April 30, 2010 for its Large Customer Group.

Pursuant to the terms of the Settlement Agreement approved by the Commission in Order No. 24,577 in Docket DE 05-126 (January 13, 2006) as modified by Order No. 24,922 in Docket DE 08-011/DE 05-126 (December 19, 2008), National Grid plans to solicit a bid price that includes the cost of all market products on an as-delivered energy basis, i.e., an all inclusive bid price.

National Grid intends to communicate with Staff during the one-week period between the Company's receipt of indicative bids and the due date for final bids to review the indicative bids received. To that end, we propose to schedule a conference call with Staff shortly after receipt and analysis of the indicative bids is completed or, alternatively, to communicate with Staff via email.

I am submitting, for notice purposes, National Grid's proposed timeline for this RFP, which was provided as part of our most recent default service filing and subsequently revised as shown below.

RFP	October 2009 RFP
RFP Issued	October 30, 2009
Indicative Bids Due	December 2, 2009
Final Bids Due	December 9, 2009
Contract Execution	December 10, 2009
Default Service Filing to Commission	December 14, 2009
Commission Order Needed	December 21, 2009
Service Begins	February 1, 2010

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. Please feel free to contact me at (781) 907-1849 with any questions.

Very truly yours,

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