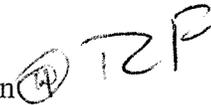


STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Inter-Department Communication

DATE: July 30, 2009

AT (OFFICE): NHPUC

FROM: Henry J. Bergeron 
Utility Analyst III

SUBJECT: DE 09-085, Public Service Company of New Hampshire
DE 09-086, National Grid/Granite State Electric Company
DE 09-087, New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc.
DE 09-088, Unitil Energy Systems, Inc.

Re: Long Range Plans for Bulk Power Supply Facilities for 2009

TO: Debra A. Howland
Executive Director & Secretary

Staff has reviewed the long range plans for Bulk Power Supply Facilities for the above listed utilities for 2009. Per RSA 162-H:18, upon receipt of these plans, "the public utilities commission shall notify the site evaluation committee which shall:

I. Review and comment on the long-range plans and make information contained therein readily available to the general public and interested state and local governmental entities.

II. Compile and publish a description of the proposed power plant sites and general locations of transmission line routes within the state as identified in the long-range plans, identifying the location of such sites and the possible year when construction is expected to commence, and to make such information readily available to the public, to newspapers regularly circulated within the area affected by the proposed site, and to interested state and local governmental entities. The duties imposed by this paragraph may be delegated to the public utilities commission, and all documents filed under this chapter shall be held in the offices of the public utilities commission."

The Site Evaluation Committee (SEC) may delegate to this commission its duty to compile and publish the plans. Staff requests that the SEC be informed that we are in receipt of these plans, inquire as to whether or not it wishes to delegate authority consistent with past practice, and seek its input on whether further action is required at this time. Staff has also taken the liberty of summarizing these plans as a proposed Public Notice (see attached).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.