

Via Hand Delivery and E-filing

July 8, 2009

Ms. Debra Howland
Executive Director and Secretary
NH Public Utilities Commission
21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301



Re: **DG 09-095; EnergyNorth Natural Gas, Inc. d/b/a National Grid NH Cast Iron/Bare Steel Replacement Program**

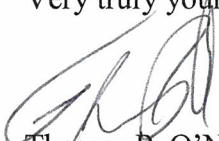
Dear Ms. Howland:

Enclosed please find seven (7) copies of the settlement agreement ("Settlement") between EnergyNorth Natural Gas, Inc. d/b/a National Grid NH and Staff of the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission.

Due to vacation scheduling, National Grid NH was not able to execute and deliver this settlement within the time frame set forth in PUC 203.20(e). Accordingly, National Grid NH respectfully requests that the Commission accept the Settlement as late-filed pursuant to PUC 203.20(f). Acceptance of the Settlement will promote the orderly and efficient conduct of the proceeding and will not impair the rights of any party to the proceeding.

Thank you for your time and attention to this filing. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (781) 907-1809 if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,



Thomas P. O'Neill

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Enclosure