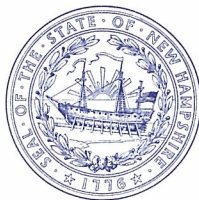


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September 19, 2011

Re: DE 11-016, Granite State Electric Company d/b/a National Grid
Petition for Approval of Default Service Rates for the Large and Medium
Small Customer Group
Scheduling of Hearing

To the Parties:

On January 13, 2006, the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (Commission) issued Order No. 24,577 in Docket No. DE 05-126, which among other things, approved Granite State Electric Company's (GSEC's) solicitation process for procuring default service supply for its Small Customer Group and its Large Customer Group. On September 15, 2011, GSEC filed a notice of its proposed Default Service rates for the Small Customer Group for the period beginning November 1, 2011 through April 30, 2012.

The Commission will hold a hearing on Wednesday, September 21, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. at which time the Commission will hear the testimony of GSEC's witnesses and Staff. This is consistent with Order No. 24,577 which states that GSEC will file the purchase power agreement and the accompanying rates for the Commission to review pursuant to RSA 363:17-a.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Debra A. Howland".

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director