

**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**DE 11-016**

**GRANITE STATE ELECTRIC COMPANY D/B/A NATIONAL GRID**

**Default Service**

**ORDER OF NOTICE**

On January 20, 2011, Granite State Electric Company d/b/a National Grid (National Grid) filed a letter notifying the Commission that, on February 4, 2011, it would issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure default service for the period beginning May 1, 2011. National Grid filed the letter pursuant to the terms of a Settlement Agreement approved by the Commission in Order No. 24,577, 91 NH PUC 6 (January 13, 2006) and as modified by Order No. 24,922 (December 19, 2008).

Pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, National Grid solicits default service supply for its Large Customer Group every three months for 100 percent of three months of supply. National Grid then develops rates for the Large Customer Group based on the winning bid contract prices, with fixed monthly prices that vary from month to month. For its Small Customer Group, National Grid solicits prices for 100 percent of six month's requirements and sets a fixed rate for the six-month period using a six-month weighted average. In the instant RFP, National Grid will be seeking a three-month power supply contract for its Large Customer Group for the period May 1, 2011 through July 31, 2011, and a six-month power supply contract for its Small Customer Group for the period May 1, 2011 through October 31, 2011.

As noted above, National Grid issues an RFP each quarter to procure default service supply for its Large Customer Group and every six months for its Small Customer Group. The approximate schedule for public hearings on the issuances, including the instant RFP, follows:

March 2011	RFP for three months supply for Large Customer Group (May through July, 2011); and six months supply for the Small Customer Group (May through October 2011)
June 2011	RFP for three month supply for Large Customer Group (August through October, 2011)
September 2011	RFP for three month supply for Large Customer Group (November 2011 through January 2012) and six months supply for Small Customer Group (November 2011 through April 2012)
December 2011	RFP for three months supply for Large Customer Group (February through April 2012)

The Commission designates Docket No. DE 11-016 as the docket number for all of National Grid's 2011 solicitations. The petition and subsequent docket filings, other than information for which confidential treatment is requested of or granted by the Commission, will be posted to the Commission's website at <http://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2011/11-016.html>

The filing raises, inter alia, issues related to whether the rates resulting from National Grid's solicitation of default service supply are just and reasonable as required by RSA 378:5 and 7; and whether National Grid has procured default service consistent with the principles of the electric utility restructuring statute (RSA 374-F:3(V)(c)-(e)) and Commission Orders No. 24,577 and 24,922. Each party has the right to have an attorney represent them at their own expense.

**Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby**

**ORDERED**, that a Hearing be held before the Commission located at 21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire on March 18, 2010 at 1:30 p.m. on National Grid's power

supply contracts and rates for default energy service effective on May 1, 2011; and it is

**FURTHER ORDERED**, that pursuant to N.H. Admin. Rules Puc 203.12, National Grid shall notify all persons desiring to be heard at this hearing by publishing a copy of this Order of Notice no later than February 25, 2011, in a newspaper with general circulation in those portions of the state in which operations are conducted, publication to be documented by affidavit filed with the Commission on or before March 18, 2011; and it is

**FURTHER ORDERED**, that pursuant to N.H. Admin. Rules Puc 203.17, any party seeking to intervene in the proceeding shall submit to the Commission seven copies of a Petition to Intervene with copies sent to National Grid and the Office of the Consumer Advocate on or before March 15, 2011, such Petition stating the facts demonstrating how its rights, duties, privileges, immunities or other substantial interest may be affected by the proceeding, as required by N.H. Admin. Rule Puc 203.17 and RSA 541-A:32,I(b); and it is

**FURTHER ORDERED**, that any party objecting to a Petition to Intervene make said Objection on or before March 18, 2011.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this fifteenth day of February, 2011.



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Executive Director

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