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HAND DELIVERED

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



**Re: DE 08-011; Granite State Electric Company d/b/a National Grid
Default Service**

Dear Ms. Howland:

In compliance with the Order of Notice dated February 28, 2008 in the above-captioned docket, National Grid hereby submits an original and six copies of an Affidavit of Publication indicating that the Order of Notice was published in The Union Leader on March 6, 2008.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

Very truly yours,


Donald J. Pfundstein

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Enclosures

cc: Alexandra Blackmore, Esq.
Service List

Legal Notice

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION DE 08-011

ORDER OF NOTICE

On February 1, 2008, Granite State Electric Company, d/b/a National Grid (National Grid) filed a letter notifying the Commission that, on February 13, 2008, National Grid would issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure default service for the period beginning May 1, 2008. National Grid filed the notice pursuant to a Settlement Agreement approved by the Commission in Order No. 24,577 in docket No. DE 05-126, Granite State Electric Company, 91 NH PUC 6 (2006). National Grid solicits default service supply for its medium and large commercial and industrial customer group (Large Customer Group) every three months for 100 percent (100%) 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 residential and small commercial customer group (Small Customer Group), National Grid solicits prices for 100 percent (100%) of six month's requirements and sets a fixed rate for the six-month period using a six-month weighted average. With the RFPs issued on February 13, 2008 through July 31, 2008 for the Large Customer Group and a six-month default service supply for the period from May 1, 2008 through October 31, 2008 for the Small Customer Group.

National Grid said that it would request two bids for power supply, one for energy only default service supply, with a pass-through of capacity costs, and use for an all-inclusive energy and capacity default service product, consistent with the Settlement Agreement. National Grid also stated that it will include in its default service filing the calculation of the approved adder for compliance with the recently-enacted Renewable Portfolio Standards law (RSA 362-F). According to the company, National Grid will receive indicative bids on or before March 5, 2008, and final pricing on or before March 12, 2008.

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 2008 - RFP for three months supply for Large Customer Group (May through July, 2008); and six months supply for the Small Customer Group (May through October, 2008).

May 2008 - RFP for three month supply for Large Customer Group (August through October, 2008).

August 2008 - RFP for three month supply for Large Customer Group (November, 2008 through January 2009) and six months supply for Small Customer Group (November, 2008 through April, 2009).

November 2008 - RFP for three months supply for Large Customer Group (February through April, 2009).

The Commission designates Docket No. DE 08-011 as the docket number for all of National Grid's 2008 power supply solicitations.

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 (RFS 374-F:3(V)(c)-(e)). Each party has the right to have an attorney represent them at their own expense.

Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby ORDERED, that, pursuant to N.H. Code Admin rules Puc 203.12 a Hearing be held before the Commission located at 21 S. Fruit St., Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire on March 19, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to N.H. Code 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 March 6, 2008, 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 19, 2008; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules 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 14, 2008, 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:32.1(b); and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that any party objecting to a Petition to Intervene make said Objection on or before March 19, 2008.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this twenty-eighth day of February, 2008.

Debra A. Howland

Executive Director & Secretary

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(UL - March 6)

I hereby certify that the foregoing notice was published in The Union Leader and/or New Hampshire Sunday News, newspapers printed at Manchester, N.H., by the Union Leader Corporation on the following dates, Viz: 3/6/08

(Signed)

Phyllis Gilbert

UNION LEADER CORPORATION

State of New Hampshire,

Hillsborough, SS.

(Dated)....

3/13/08



Subscribed and sworn to by the said ...

Phyllis Gilbert

Before me

Marsha A. McGinnis

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Notary Public

State of New Hampshire

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