

DE09-094



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**VIA HAND DELIVERY & ELECTRONIC MAIL**

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

**Re: DE 09-\_\_\_; National Grid Fiscal Year 2009 Annual Reliability Enhancement and Vegetation Management Program Results and Reconciliation Filing**

Dear Ms. Howland:

On behalf of Granite State Electric Company d/b/a National Grid ("National Grid" or "Company"), I am submitting National Grid's fiscal year 2009 annual reliability enhancement and vegetation management program results and reconciliation filing ("May 15, 2009 Reconciliation Filing").

As required by the settlement agreement, this report contains the following information:

- 1) A report on actual spending on operating and maintenance ("O&M") activities and capital projects for fiscal year 2009, including an explanation of differences from the fiscal year 2009 budget submitted to Staff on February 15, 2008;
- 2) A request for recovery of the incremental O&M expense of \$113,832 above the base O&M amount of \$1,360,000 through the REP/VMP Adjustment Provision to be included in rates effective for usage on and after July 1, 2009;
- 3) A request for a REP Capital Investment Allowance of \$75,740 which is the revenue requirement associated with \$500,000 of capital spending budgeted for fiscal year 2009 to be included in rates effective for usage on and after July 1, 2009; and
- 4) Calendar year 2008 reliability performance results.

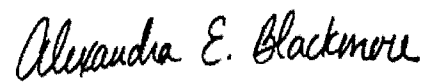
The Company is also submitting the testimony of Catherine T. McDonough, Peter F. Altenburger and Sara M. Sankowich which provides further information regarding the Company's actual O&M and capital expenditures made during fiscal year 2009. In addition, the testimony of David E. Tufts addresses the Company's request for a rate increase associated with the REP/VMP Adjustment Provision and the REP Capital Investment Allowance described above, and includes a proposed rate design, typical bill impacts and clean and revised tariff pages.

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Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 781-907-1849.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alexandra E. Blackmore". The script is cursive and fluid.

Alexandra E. Blackmore

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