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Inter-Department Communication

DATE: March 22, 2013 AT (OFFICE): NHPUC

FROM: Lynn Fabrizio, Director of Administration

SUBJECT: DG 11-040 National Grid *et al.* Petition for Transfer of Assets

CC: Docket Service List (by e-mail)

TO: F. Anne Ross, General Counsel Debra A. Howland, Executive Director

On March 1, 2013, National Grid USA and EnergyNorth Natural Gas and Granite State Electric Company d/b/a Liberty Utilities filed certifications of certain transition service transfers and a disbursement request for a pro rata release of Pool A escrow funds in accordance with the terms of the settlement agreement reached in the above-captioned docket. Commission Staff (Steve Frink, Steve Mullen and myself) have reviewed the filing and confirmed that the transition services described in the TSA Transfer Certifications have been fully transferred in accordance with the terms of the Transition Service Agreements approved in Commission Order No. 25,370. Based on Staff's confirmation of the transfers, attached is a draft cover letter for your signature authorizing the release by the escrow agent to National Grid USA of \$2,685,600 from Pool A Escrow Funds.

Please let me know if you have any questions on this matter.



March 22, 2013

John Cochrane Executive Vice President National Grid USA 40 Sylvan Road, Waltham, MA 02451

Victor D. Del Vecchio President EnergyNorth Natural Gas, Inc. Granite State Electric Electric Company d/b/a Liberty Utilities 11 Northeastern Boulevard Salem, NH 03079

> Re: DG 11-040 NATIONAL GRID USA, et al Joint Petition for Authority to Transfer Ownership of Granite State Electric and EnergyNorth Natural Gas, Inc. to Liberty Energy Utilities Corp. Pool A Escrow Pro Rata Release Authorization

Dear Mssrs. Del Vecchio and Cochrane:

Per the terms of the settlement agreement reached in the above-captioned docket, Commission Staff has reviewed your disbursement request filing made on March 1, 2013, and confirmed that the transition services described in your TSA Transfer Certification have been fully transferred in accordance with the terms of the Transition Service Agreements. Accordingly, attached please find Staff's confirmation and a signed, confidential Schedule 3.1 Disbursement Request form authorizing the release by the escrow agent to National Grid USA of \$2,685,600 from Pool A Escrow Funds.

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance on this matter.

Sincerely,

F. Anne Ross General Counsel

Attachments

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