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VIA ELECTRONIC AND HAND DELIVERY

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

Re: DE 11-221
Affidavits of Publication

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Dear Ms. Howland:

In connection with the above-captioned docket, enclosed for filing with the Commission are affidavits of publication stating that Order of Notice dated October 7, 2011 was published in the Union Leader and Valley News on October 12, 2011, and Eagle-Tribune on October 14, 2011.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions regarding this filing.

Sincerely,

Donna Schesser

/ds

Enclosures

cc: Service List (via electronic mail)

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I hereby certify that the legal notice of DE 11-221,
PO number:90323 was published in the New Hampshire Union Leader
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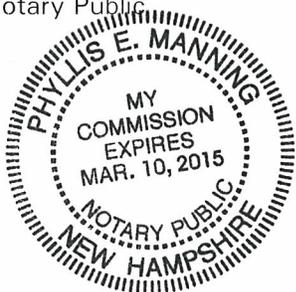
10/12/2011

State of New Hampshire
Hillsborough County
Subscribed and sworn to before me this

14th day of October, 2011

Phyllis E. Manning

Notary Public





The newspaper of the Upper Connecticut River Valley

Valley News

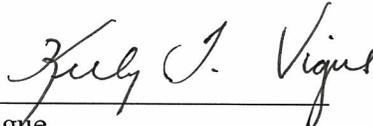
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October 21, 2011

AFFIDAVIT OF INSERTION

I, Kelly T. Vigue, hereby certify that the attached Legal Notice with regards to Docket No. DE 11-221 was advertised in the Valley News, a daily newspaper, published in Grafton County, state of New Hampshire on Wednesday, October 12, 2011.

Signed


Kelly T. Vigue

Customer Relations Manager

County of Grafton
State of New Hampshire

Affirmed before me, this 21st day of Oct., 2011.

Signed: 
Notary Public

Commission Expires: _____

BETH ALICE CHAPIN, Notary Public
My Commission Expires October 31, 2012



Eagle-Tribune
Publishing Co.

18, October, 2011

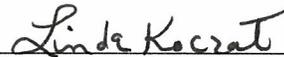
A F F I D A V I T

*I, Linda Koczat hereby certify that I am employed by the publishers
of the Eagle Tribune,
and the following legal notices:*

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
DE 11-221**

**GRANITE STATE ELECTRIC COMPANY d/b/a NATIONAL GRID
Petition to increase storm recovery adjustment Factor and to
Increase Base Storm Fund Annual Revenue**

*was advertised as a legal notice in the Eagle Tribune as follows:
October 14, 2011*

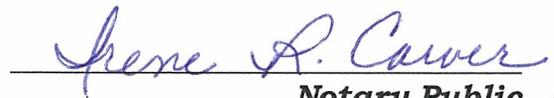


**Linda Koczat
Legal Advertising Representative**

October 18, 2011

**State of Massachusetts
County of Essex**

*Then, personally appeared before me, Linda Koczat
and declared that the statements in the foregoing were true to
the best of her ability and belief.*



**Notary Public
Comm. Exp: 3/9/18**

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Legal Notice

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION DE 11-221 GRANITE STATE ELECTRIC COMPANY d/b/a NATIONAL GRID Petition to Increase Storm Recovery Adjustment Factor and to Increase Base Storm Fund Annual Revenue Order Suspending Tariff and Scheduling Prehearing Conference ORDERNO.25,276 October 7, 2011

On September 30, 2011, Granite State Electric Company d/b/a National Grid (National Grid or Company) filed a proposed tariff to adjust its Storm Recovery Adjustment (SRA) factor for effect with services rendered on and after January 1, 2012. In support of its request, National Grid filed testimony with related exhibits and attachments. National Grid requested that the SRA factor be increased from its current level of \$0.00040 per kilowatt hour (kWh) to \$0.00223 per kWh effective January 1, 2012. As a result of the proposed increase, a residential customer using 672 kWh per month, the average monthly usage for National Grid residential customers, would experience a 1.3% increase in monthly bills.

National Grid proposes to increase the SRA factor to offset a significant deficit balance in the Storm Fund that resulted from the costs associated with three major storms and to provide a sufficient level of funding for future storms. The three major storms are (1) the December 12, 2008 ice storm, (2) the February 24, 2010 wind storm, and (3) the March 7, 2011 ice storm. The Company said the creation of the Storm Fund was part of the Settlement Agreement approved by the Commission in Docket No. DG 06-107. See, Order No. 24,777, 92 NH PUC 279 (July 12, 2007). The purpose of the Storm Fund is to smooth out costs to customers of the inevitable impact of major storm events that cause damage to the Company's electrical system. The Settlement Agreement defines a "major storm" as a severe weather event causing 30 concurrent troubles (interruption events occurring on either primary or secondary lines) and 15% of customers interrupted, or 45 concurrent troubles.

Pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, the Company's base rates were set at a level that credited annual collections of \$120,000 to the Storm Fund, accruing at the rate of \$10,000 per month. In addition, beginning July 1, 2010, the Commission authorized National Grid to implement the SRA factor. See, Order No. 25,125 (June 30, 2010) in Docket No. DE 10-096. The SRA factor allows National Grid to temporarily collect \$30,000 per month, or \$360,000 annually, to address the deficit position of the Storm Fund resulting from the costs associated with the December 2008 ice storm.

The Company said it is taking into consideration the final cost of \$1,762,372 related to the December 2008 storm in the instant filing. National Grid testified that it also incurred approximately \$1.7 million in costs resulting from damage to its electrical system following the February 2010 wind storm, and approximately \$1.8 million in similar costs following the March 2011 ice storm. The Company stated that, if the current annual base revenue of \$120,000 and the temporary annual increment of \$360,000 remained unchanged, it would take 10 years for the Storm Fund to reach a break-even level, assuming no additional major storms occurred. National Grid said that the Storm Fund balance at December 31, 2011 will be a deficit of \$4,645,761.

To address the estimated deficit balance at December 31, 2011, National Grid is requesting an annual increase of \$540,000 in the temporary funding over a five-year period commencing January 1, 2012. The Company also said that, based on the costs of major storms over the past five years, the \$120,000 annual base rate allowance is insufficient. Therefore, the Company is also requesting a permanent increase in annual Storm Fund collections to \$1.3 million. With these two elements, the SRA factor would increase from its current level of \$0.00040 per kWh to \$0.00223 per kWh for five years effective January 1, 2012, and would decrease to \$0.00127 per kWh effective January 1, 2017 to reflect the termination of the temporary recovery and the continuation of the permanent increased funding of the Storm Fund.

The filing raises, inter alia, issues related to whether the costs incurred with the February 2010 and March 2011 major storms were prudently incurred; whether it is just and reasonable to allow National Grid to recover \$3.5 million related to the 2010 and 2011 storms from ratepayers; whether it is just and reasonable to allow National Grid to increase the annual base revenue for the Storm Fund; and whether pursuant to RSA 378:7 the resulting rates are just and reasonable.

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Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED, pursuant to RSA 378:6, I(b), the Commission hereby suspends National Grid's proposed tariff to allow the filing to be investigated; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that a Prehearing Conference, pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.15, be held before

the Commission located at 21 S. Fruit St., Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire on October 24, 2011 at 1:30 p.m., at which each party will provide a preliminary statement of its position with regard to the petition and any of the issues set forth in Puc 203.15 shall be considered; and it is

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By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this seventh day of October, 2011.

Thomas B. Getz, Chairman Amy L. Ignatius, Commissioner Attested by: Debra A. Howland Executive Director

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