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Re: DA 12-074, National Grid – Affiliate Contracts
Extension of Mutual Assistance Agreement

Dear Mr. Camerino:

On March 22, 2012, Granite State Electric Company, Inc. d/b/a National Grid filed, pursuant to RSA 366:3, copies of an agreement to extend the current National Grid Mutual Assistance Agreement through March 23, 2013. The Mutual Assistance Agreement was originally filed with the commission in DA 08-050 and, under this extension, the services provided and the terms of payment were unchanged.

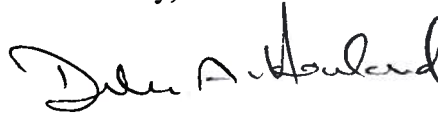
The signatories to the National Grid Mutual Assistance Agreement included numerous affiliate companies, among them National Grid's electric and gas company subsidiaries in New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and New York, New England Power Company, New England Electric Transmission Corporation and New England Hydro Transmission Corporation. Subsequent to the filing, the acquisition of National Grid's New Hampshire operating utilities, Granite State Electric Company ("Granite State") and EnergyNorth Natural Gas, Inc. ("EnergyNorth") by Liberty Energy Utilities (New Hampshire) Corp. ("Liberty") was completed on July 3, 2012 (see Docket No. DG 11-040). According to Staff, although the Mutual Assistance Agreement was terminated with respect to Granite State and EnergyNorth, it remains in effect for New England Power Company, New England Electric Transmission Corporation and New England Hydro Transmission Corporation. Staff has reviewed the documentation and recommends that the Commission accept the filing of the extension of the Mutual Assistance Agreement.

This letter serves as an acknowledgement that National Grid, pursuant to the requirements of RSA 366:3, has filed modifications to contracts between a public utility and an affiliate for the provision of services in exchange for compensation that exceeds \$500. This acknowledgement does not constitute approval of any rate or revenue requirement change that may be claimed as a result of the service provided for in the filed documents. As any issue that may arise under the

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contract may be addressed in another docket or through the opening of a new docket, the Commission will not open an investigation at this time under RSA 366:5. The Commission will accept the contract as filed and will close this docket. Any further modifications of the contract must be filed with the Commission pursuant to RSA 366:3.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Debra A. Howland". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Debra" being more prominent.

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

cc: Docket file

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- a) Pursuant to N.H. Admin Rule Puc 203.02 (a), with the exception of Discovery, file 7 copies, as well as an electronic copy, of all documents including cover letter with: DEBRA A HOWLAND
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- c) Serve a written copy on each person on the service list not able to receive electronic mail.