

September 22, 2008

**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 08-011; Granite State Electric Company d/b/a National Grid Proposed Default Service Rates for the Large Customer Group for the period November 1, 2008 through January 31, 2009 and November 1, 2008 through April 30, 2009 for the Small Customer Group**

Dear Ms. Howland:

I have enclosed seven copies of Granite State Electric Company's d/b/a National Grid ("National Grid" or "Company") proposed Default Service rates for the period November 1, 2008 through January 31, 2009 for the Large Customer Group and for the period November 1, 2008 through April 30, 2009 for the Small Customer Group. This letter summarizes our filing. This filing includes the testimony of John D. Warshaw, and accompanying schedules. Confidential sections of certain schedules to Mr. Warshaw's testimony have been omitted from the public version of this filing and have been provided to the Commission under separate cover, together with a motion for confidential treatment. Seven copies of the confidential materials have also been provided.

National Grid undertook a Request for Proposals ("RFP") to provide Default Service in accordance with RSA 374-F:3, V(c) and pursuant to the Commission's Order No. 24,577 issued on January 13, 2006 in Docket No. DE 05-126. National Grid circulated the RFP to over twenty-five potential wholesale suppliers, every member of the NEPOOL Markets Committee and posted the RFP on the Company's energy supply website. National Grid employed a procurement process consistent with those previously approved by the Commission on several occasions.<sup>1</sup>

National Grid believes the proposed Default Service rates are consistent with RSA 374-F:3, V(c), Commission precedent, and are in the public interest as reflective of "competitive market" prices. See RSA 374-F:3, V(c). Accordingly, the Company respectfully requests that the Commission approve the proposed rates to become effective for usage on and after November 1, 2008 no later than September 29, 2008.

<sup>1</sup> See Order No. 24,862 (June 20, 2008); Order No. 24,836 (March 21, 2008); Order No. 24,810 (December 17, 2007); Order No. 24,787, Docket No. DE 07-012 (September 21, 2007); Order No. 24,764, Docket No. DE 07-012 (June 22, 2007); Order No. 24,736, Docket No. DE 07-012 (March 26, 2007); Order No. 24,715, Docket No. DE 06-115 (December 15, 2006); Order No. 24,675, Docket No. DE 06-115 (September 29, 2006); Order No. 24,637, Docket No. DE 05-126 (June 22, 2006); Order No. 24,609, Docket No. DE 05-126 (March 28, 2006).

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Thank you very much for your time and attention to this filing. 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

Enclosures

cc: Meredith A. Hatfield, Esq.  
Service List (via electronic mail)