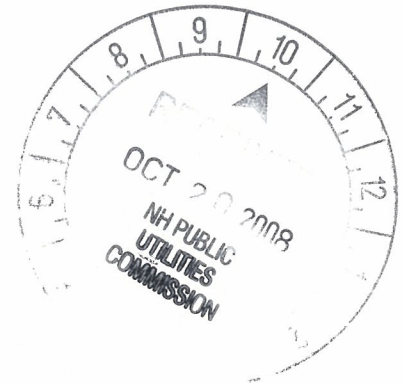


October 17, 2008

VIA ELECTRONIC & OVERNIGHT 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 Default Service Request for Proposals for the Period February 1, 2009 through April 30, 2009 for the Large Customer Group

Dear Ms. Howland:

On October 31, 2008, Granite State Electric Company d/b/a National Grid ("National Grid" or "Company") plans to issue a Default Service Request for Proposals ("RFP") to procure default service for the period February 1, 2009 through April 30, 2009 for its Large Customer Group.

Pursuant to the terms of the Settlement Agreement approved by the Commission in Order No. 24,577 in Docket DE 05-126 (January 13, 2006) ("Settlement Agreement"), National Grid plans to solicit a bid price that includes the cost of all market products on an as-delivered energy basis ("All Inclusive Bid Price") and also solicit a second price that includes all market products on an as-delivered energy basis, except capacity market products, which shall be paid as an additional cost on a pass through basis of actual costs ("Pass Through Bid Price").

National Grid intends to communicate with Staff during the one-week period between the Company's receipt of indicative bids and the due date for final bids to review the indicative bids received. To that end, we propose to schedule a conference call with Staff shortly after receipt and analysis of the indicative bids is completed.

I am also submitting, for notice purposes, National Grid's proposed timeline for this RFP, which was provided as part of our recent default service filing.

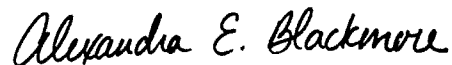
RFP	October 2008 RFP
RFP Issued	October 31, 2008
Indicative Bids Due	December 3, 2008
Final Bids Due	December 10, 2008

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Contract Execution	December 10, 2008
Default Service Filing to Commission	December 15, 2008
Commission Order Needed	December 19, 2008
Service Begins	February 1, 2009

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. Please feel free to contact me at (781) 907-1849 with any questions.

Very truly yours,



Alexandra E. Blackmore

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