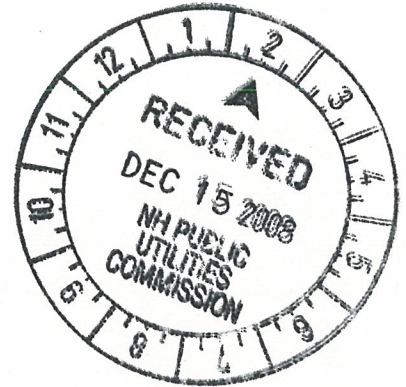


December 15, 2008

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 February 1, 2009 through April 30, 2009

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 February 1, 2009 through April 30, 2009 for the Large 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.¹

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 February 1, 2009 no later than December 19, 2008.

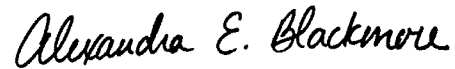
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¹ See Order No. 24,902 (September 29, 2008); Order No. 24,862 (June 20, 2008); Order No. 24,836 (March 21, 2008); Order No. 24,810 (December 17, 2007); Order No. 24,787, Docket No. DE 07-012 (September 21, 2007); Order No. 24,764, Docket No. DE 07-012 (June 22, 2007); Order No. 24,736, Docket No. DE 07-012 (March 26, 2007).

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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)