

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Inter-Department Communication

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SUBJECT: DA 08-050, National Grid USA Service Company, Inc. – Affiliate
Service Contracts for Year 2008

TO: Debra A. Howland
Executive Director and Secretary

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On March 28, 2008, National Grid USA Service Company, Inc. (NGrid) filed copies of Service Contracts with the following five affiliates: New England Hydro-Transmission Corporation, New England Power Company, Granite State Electric Company, New England Electric Transmission Corporation, and EnergyNorth Natural Gas, Inc (ENGI). These contracts cover the period from April 1, 2008 to March 31, 2009. NGrid filed a Mutual Assistance Agreement it entered into along with nineteen of its affiliates on March 28, 2008 for a period of one year. NGrid also filed a Service Agreement with KeySpan Utility Services LLC (KeySpan) dated January 1, 2008 but which was re-executed on March 24, 2008 with the addition of six other affiliates. The services provided under the contracts as well as the terms and conditions are virtually identical to those contained in prior contracts on file here at the Commission. NGrid pointed out that KeySpan had been providing certain limited services to ENGI prior to this time without a written agreement. This service agreement corrects that oversight.

Staff has reviewed the contracts and does not recommend that the Commission take any further action at this time pursuant to RSA 366. As any potential issues that arise from the service contracts can be addressed in other dockets, or through the opening of a new docket, Staff is recommending that DA 08-050 be closed without opening a formal investigation.

Please contact me if you have any questions.