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HAND DELIVERED

Ms. Debra A. Howland Executive Director and Secretary New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10 Concord, New Hampshire 03301-2429



Re: DE 08-072; Granite State Electric Company d/b/a National Grid

Dear Ms. Howland:

In compliance with the Order of Notice dated May 22, 2008 in the above-captioned docket, National Grid hereby submits an original and six copies of an Affidavit of Publication indicating that the Order of Notice was published in <u>The Union Leader</u> on May 26, 2008.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

∀ery truly/yours, Donald/J. Pfundstein

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Enclosures

cc: Alexandra Blackmore, Esq.

Legal Notice

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION DE 08-072 ORDER OF NOTICE

On May 15, 2008, Granite State Electric Company d/b/a National Grid (National Grid) submitted its fiscal year 2008 (April 1, 2007-March 31, 2008) annual reliability enhancement and vegetation management plan results and reconciliation filing pursuant to the terms of the National Grid/ KeySpan merger settlement agreement approved by the Commission in Docket No. DG 06-107. See Order No. 24,777 (July 12, 2007).

National Grid stated that, as required by the merger settlement agreement, the report contained the following information: 1) a report on actual spending on operation and maintenance activities and capital projects for fiscal year 2008, including an explanation of differences from the fiscal year 2008 budget; 2) a request for a capital investment allowance of \$165,840 to be included in distribution rates effective for usage on and after July 1, 2008; and 3) reliability performance results for calendar year 2007

In the attachments supporting the filing, National Grid calculated that the requested \$165,840 increase to its annual revenue requirement represents a 0.76% increase to distribution rates. On an overall bill basis, the monthly increase to a residential customer would be \$0.14 for a residential customer using 500 kilowatt-hours (kWh) of electricity per month, or \$0.20 for a resi-dential customer using 673 kWh per month (National Grid's average residential customer usage), in both cases representing an approximate 0.2% increase

The filing raises, inter alia, issues related to whether National Grid's filing conforms to the requirements of the merger settle-ment agreement, whether National Grid has approximately accounted for the costs of its reliability enhancement and vegetation management programs, and whether the resulting rates are just and reasonable as required by RSA 378:5 and 378:8. Each party has the right to have an attorney represent them at their own expense.

Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby ORDERED, that a hearing, pursuant to N.H. Admin. Rules Puc 203, be held before the Commission located at 21 S. Fruit St., Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire on June 19, 2008 at 10:30 a.m.; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to N.H. Admin. Rules Puc 203.12, National Grid shall notify all persons desiring to be heard at this hearing by publishing a copy of this Order of Notice no later than May 28. 2008, in a newspaper with general circulation in those portions of the state in which operations are conducted, publication to be documented by affidavit filed with the Commission on or before June 19, 2008; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to N.H. Admin. Rules Puc 203.17, any party seeking to intervene in the proceeding shall submit to the Commission.seven copies of a Petition to Intervene with copies sent to Na-tional Grid and the Office of the Consumer Advocate on or before June 16, 2008, such Petition stating the facts demonstrating how its rights, duties, privileges, immunities or other substantial interest may be affected by the proceeding, as required by N.H. Admin. Rule Puc 203.17 and RSA 541-A:32,I(b); and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that any party objecting to a Petition to Intervene make said Objection on or before June 19, 2008.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this twenty-second day of May, 2008.

Debra A. Howland

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I hereby certify that the foregoing notice was published in The Union Leader and/or New Hampshire Sunday News, newspapers printed at Manchester, N.H., by the Union Leader Corporation on the following dates, Viz: . 5/26/08. (Signed)

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State of New Hampshire, Hillsborough, SS.

(Dated) 5/28/08

Before me

Subscribed and sworn to by the said Λ