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Public Utilities Commission
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Re: Capacity To Expand CORE Programs

Dear Ms. Howland:

Granite State Electric Company d/b/a National Grid, the New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc., Public Service Company of New Hampshire, and Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. (collectively, the Utilities) submit the enclosed response to your letters of January 14, 2009, and February 19, 2009. The January letter directed the Utilities to file by March 2, 2009, a detailed report describing their ability to expand the CORE Programs. The February letter granted a request from the Utilities to extend the filing deadline to March 20, 2009.

The enclosed report is based on the Utilities' Response to the Commission's Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Fund Request For Proposals (RFP) and follows the prescribed format as stipulated in the RFP. In addition to meeting the requirements of the RFP, Utilities were careful to be sure this Response addresses all of the issues noted in the Commission's letter of January 14, 2009. Specifically, it describes the Utilities' ability to expand the CORE programs, on a program-by-program basis, and to set forth specific dollar amounts and ramp up time needed to implement expanded programs. The Response also sets forth the costs of expanding the programs relative to the incremental benefits and ranks the programs in terms of their ability to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Pursuant to RSA 21-I:13-a, II, the utilities request that the Commission and the Office of Consumer Advocate not disclose the contents of this response nor make copies available to any members of the public before awards are made in response to the RFP.

Sincerely,

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