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d/b/a National Grid

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**DIRECT TESTIMONY**

**OF**

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1   **I. Introduction**

2   Q.   Please state your name and business address.

3   A.   My name is John D. Warshaw, and my business address is 25 Research Drive,  
4       Westborough, Massachusetts 01582.

6   Q.   Please state your position.

7   A.   I am a Principal Analyst in Electric Supply – New England for National Grid USA  
8       Service Company, Inc. I conduct power procurement and energy supply related activities  
9       for National Grid’s New England operating companies, including Granite State Electric  
10      Company d/b/a National Grid (“Granite State”). These activities include the procurement  
11      of power for Default Service for Granite State.

13   Q.   Will you describe your educational background and training?

14   A.   I graduated from the State University of New York Maritime College in 1977 with a  
15      Bachelor of Science in Nuclear Science. I received a Masters in Business Administration  
16      from Northeastern University in 1986. In 1992, I earned a Master of Arts in Energy and  
17      Environmental Management from Boston University.

19   Q.   What is your professional background?

20   A.   In May 2000, I joined the National Grid USA Service Company as a Principal Analyst in  
21      Energy Supply – New England. In my position I have conducted a number of  
22      solicitations for wholesale power to meet the needs of National Grid USA’s New

1 England distribution companies. I also administer both short-term and long-term power  
2 purchase agreements for National Grid USA's New England distribution companies.  
3 Prior to my employment at National Grid USA, I was employed at COM/Energy (now  
4 NSTAR) from 1992 to 2000. From 1992 to 1997, I was a Rate Analyst in Regulatory  
5 Affairs at COM/Energy responsible for supporting state and federal rate filings. In 1997,  
6 I transferred to COM/Electric to work in Power Supply Administration.  
7

8 **II. Purpose of Testimony**

9 Q. What is the purpose of your testimony?

10 A. The purpose of my testimony is to request approval of the Default Service rates for the  
11 Large and Medium Commercial and Industrial Customer Group ("Large Customer  
12 Group"<sup>1</sup>) resulting from Granite State's recent procurement of Default Service power  
13 supply. To support this request, I will describe the process used by Granite State to  
14 procure Default Service for the Large Customer Group for the three-month period August  
15 1, 2009 through October 31, 2009. My testimony presents Granite State's proposed  
16 default service rates, including rate adjustments, for usage on and after August 1, 2009, in  
17 accordance with the Default Service Adjustment Provision and Default Service Cost  
18 Reclassification Adjustment Provision of the Company's tariff, and the Settlement  
19 Agreement in Docket No. DE 05-126, approved by the Commission in Order No. 24,577  
20 (January 13, 2006) ("Settlement Agreement"). My testimony will also describe how the  
21 Company proposes to meet the Renewable Portfolio Standard obligation.

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<sup>1</sup> Customers taking service under General Long-Hour Service Rate G-2 or General Service Time-Of-Use Rate G-1 of the Company's Retail Delivery Tariff.

1   **III.   Bidding Process**

2   Q.   Why does Granite State need to procure Default Service for the Large Customer Group  
3       for the period beginning August 1, 2009?

4   A.   Granite State's currently effective Default Service supply contract for the Large  
5       Customer Group expires on July 31, 2009. Therefore, to assure that Default Service will  
6       continue to be available to these customers, Granite State requires a new Default Service  
7       supply arrangement beginning August 1, 2009.

8  
9   Q.   Please describe the process Granite State used to procure its Default Service supply.

10  A.   Granite State conducted the procurement of Default Service supply in accordance with  
11       applicable New Hampshire rules and regulations including Granite State's Second  
12       Amended Restructuring Settlement Agreement ("Restructuring Settlement"), RSA 374-F  
13       (the "New Hampshire Act"), and the terms of the Settlement Agreement approved by the  
14       Commission pursuant to Order No. 24,577 issued on January 13, 2006 in Docket No. DE  
15       05-126<sup>2</sup> (the "Order"). Granite State and its retail distribution affiliates in Massachusetts,  
16       Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company (together "Mass.  
17       Electric") (all three companies together "National Grid"), issued a joint request for  
18       proposals ("RFP") for certain power supply services (including Granite State's Default  
19       Service) from suppliers. The RFP sought a supply for Granite State's Default Service  
20       and a portion of Mass. Electric's Basic Service supply. This is consistent with the

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<sup>2</sup> The Order granted Granite State's August 1, 2005 Petition for Post-Transition Service Default Service Proposal as amended by the Post-Transition Service Default Service Proposal Settlement Agreement filed with the Commission on November 18, 2005 ("Settlement Agreement").

1 process approved by the Commission in the Order. This process is also consistent with  
2 past procurements.<sup>3</sup>

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4 Q. Could you describe the nature of the RFP that National Grid issued?

5 A. On May 8, 2009, National Grid issued an RFP to over twenty-five potential suppliers  
6 soliciting power supplies for the period August 1, 2009 through October 31, 2009.

7 National Grid also distributed the RFP to all members of the NEPOOL Markets  
8 Committee and posted the RFP on its energy supply website. As a result, the RFP had  
9 wide distribution throughout the New England energy supply marketplace. The RFP  
10 requested fixed pricing for each month of service on an as-delivered energy basis. Prices  
11 could vary by month, that is, the prices did not have to be uniform across the entire  
12 service period. A copy of the RFP is provided as Schedule JDW-1.

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14 **IV. Results of Bidding**

15 Q. Did Granite State receive responses to the RFP?

16 A. Yes. Indicative proposals were received on June 3, 2009 and a confidential summary of  
17 the proposals was shared with Commission staff thereafter. Final proposals were  
18 received on June 10, 2009. None of the bidders made their provision of Granite State's

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Granite State's original proposal filed August 1, 2005 and the subsequent Settlement Agreement will together be referred to as the "Settlement Agreement" throughout my testimony.

3 See Order No. 24,736 at 10 (March 26, 2007), Order No. 24,764 at 9 (June 22, 2007), Order No. 24,787 at 11 (September 21, 2007), Order No. 24,810 at 10-11 (December 17, 2007), Order No. 24,836 at 11-12 (March 21, 2008), Order No. 24,862 at 9-10 (June 20, 2008), Order No. 24,902 at 12-13 (September 29, 2008), Order No. 24,922 at 13-14 (December 19, 2008) and Order No. 24,953 at 12-13 (March 23, 2009).



1 Default Service contingent upon the provision of any other service. A summary of the  
2 RFP process and bid evaluation is included in Schedule JDW-2.

3  
4 Q. How do the current futures prices for electricity and natural gas compare to the futures  
5 prices at the time of the February 13, 2009 and October 31, 2008 RFPs?

6 A. The futures market prices for electricity and natural gas at the time of the February 13,  
7 2009 and October 31, 2008 procurements as well as current futures market prices are  
8 shown in Schedule JDW-3.

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10 Q. Did Granite State select any of those proposals?

11 A. Yes. Granite State evaluated the bids received and selected the supplier that (i) provided  
12 a bid that was conforming to the RFP, (ii) had the lowest price, (iii) met the credit  
13 requirements described in the RFP, and (iv) passed our qualitative evaluation. On June  
14 11, 2009, Granite State entered into wholesale Transaction Confirmations with Hess  
15 Corporation ("Hess"), the winning bidder for the Large Customer Group block, to  
16 provide Default Service to the Large Customer Group for the three-month period August  
17 1, 2009 through October 31, 2009. Together, a Transaction Confirmation and a Master  
18 Power Agreement provide the terms for the purchase of Default Service from a supplier.

19  
20 Q. Did Granite State make any changes to the Master Power Agreement with Hess?

21 A. Yes. Granite State executed an amendment to the Master Power Agreement with Hess.  
22 The purpose of the amendment was to incorporate the recently issued New Hampshire

1 Renewable Energy Portfolio Requirements and to implement a change in Granite State's  
2 risk management policy.

3  
4 Q. What change did Granite State make to the risk management policy regarding its  
5 procurement of default service supply?

6 A. In previous transactions, Granite State required suppliers, at the time the transaction was  
7 entered into, to provide credit sufficient to cover the volatility of wholesale price  
8 movements throughout the entire transaction. For some suppliers, this requirement  
9 required them to price the cost of including this credit in the bid prices. In order to more  
10 closely match industry trends and provide its customers with the lowest cost of default  
11 service, National Grid will now require credit to be based on the expected volume of load  
12 for the bid block and a mark-to-market margining clause. As forward market prices  
13 change, the supplier will be required to post security for those incremental changes. If a  
14 supplier fails to perform as required in the executed agreement, National Grid would be  
15 able to utilize the posted security to purchase replacement power (FRS contract) without  
16 incurring any additional costs for its customers. Such security would be provided by a  
17 seller in the following forms:

- 18 • Unsecured line of credit for a rated counterparty
- 19 • Parental Guaranty
- 20 • Letter of Credit
- 21 • Cash deposit with National Grid
- 22 • Other form of security mutually agreed to by National Grid and seller
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24 The terms of such security requirement are similar to the security requirement Granite  
25 State has included in all of its commodity procurements in New Hampshire.

1 Q. Is Granite State providing the Commission with a copy of the amendment with Hess?

2 A. Yes. A copy of the Amendment to the Master Power Agreement with Hess is being  
3 provided to the Commission. A copy of the Hess Master Power Agreement was filed  
4 with the Commission in a previous docket. A copy of the Transaction Confirmation  
5 between Granite State and Hess and the Amendment, with certain confidential sections  
6 redacted, is attached hereto as Schedule JDW-4. Granite State is filing the Transaction  
7 Confirmation and Amendment with the Commission under separate cover, together with  
8 a Motion for Confidential Treatment.

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10 **V. Renewable Portfolio Standard**

11 Q. What is the Renewable Portfolio Standard ("RPS") obligation for 2009?

12 A. As specified in the RPS law<sup>4</sup>, the RPS obligation for calendar year 2009 is a minimum of  
13 six percent (6%) of Granite State's Default Service load, of which at least one-half  
14 percent (0.5%) can come from Class I New Renewable Energy Resources, at least four  
15 and one-half percent (4.5%) can come from Class III Existing Renewable Energy  
16 Resources and at least one percent (1.0%) can come from Class IV Existing Renewable  
17 Energy Resources.

18  
19 Q. How does Granite State expect to satisfy its RPS obligations consistent with the RPS  
20 rules as promulgated by the Commission?

21 A. On February 18, 2009, Granite State entered into an amended settlement agreement with  
22 Commission Staff and the Office of Consumer Advocate, intended to resolve all issues

1 associated with the process by which Granite State shall comply with the requirements of  
2 the RPS law and PUC 2500 rules (“Amended RPS Settlement”). Thereafter, the  
3 Amended RPS Settlement was approved by the Commission pursuant to Order No.  
4 24,953 (March 23, 2009). As specified in the Amended RPS Settlement, Granite State  
5 requested bidders to provide a separate RPS compliance adder with their bids. This RPS  
6 compliance adder is the incremental charge by a bidder for agreeing to take on the RPS  
7 obligation with the Default Service obligation.  
8

9 Q. What were the criteria Granite State used to evaluate the RPS compliance adders  
10 provided by the bidders?

11 A. Granite State evaluated the RPS compliance adders by comparing them to the applicable  
12 alternative compliance payment (“ACP”) and the results of Granite State’s solicitation  
13 for New Hampshire RECs. The RPS compliance adder from the winning bidder for the  
14 Large Customer Group was close to the ACP and Granite State did not accept the  
15 winning bidder’s RPS compliance adder. Granite State plans to issue an RFP in the  
16 future for the acquisition of RECs. If Granite State is unable to purchase sufficient RECs  
17 to meet its NH RPS obligations, it will then, consistent with the RPS rules, make an ACP  
18 to the Renewable Energy Fund.  
19

20 Q. Is Granite State proposing any changes to the RPS Adder approved in the last solicitation  
21 at this time?

1 A. No. Granite will use the same RPS Adder it used in its March 16, 2009 filing. The  
2 calculation of the RPS Adder is included in Schedule JDW-5  
3

4 Q. Has Granite State been able to contract for RECs?

5 A. Yes. In May, Granite State issued an RFP to procure NH RECs to approved NH  
6 renewable generators, generators in the process of applying for approval to generate NH  
7 RECs, as well as other REC suppliers for its 2008 and 2009 RPS law obligations. On  
8 May 29, 2009 the Company received bids for RECs and contracted for a very small  
9 portion of its required RECs. Granite State shared the results of its RFP with Staff prior  
10 to executing a contract for the purchase of RECs.  
11

12 **VI. Default Service Commodity Costs and Retail Rates**

13 Q. Please summarize the commodity cost at the retail meter based on Granite State's  
14 expected procurement cost and used to develop the proposed retail rates.

15 A.. Granite State estimates the procurement costs for Default Service at the retail customer  
16 meter for each month to be as set forth in the following table:

<b>Month</b>	<b>Large Customer Group Commodity Costs ¢ / kWh</b>
August 2009	6.939
September 2009	6.798
October 2009	7.093

1 The simple average of the commodity costs, including costs for RPS compliance, for the  
2 Large Customer Group is 6.943¢ per kWh compared to the simple average Default  
3 Service costs of 6.817¢ per kWh for the period May 2009 through July 2009. The  
4 commodity costs at the retail customer meter (¢ per kWh) were calculated by multiplying  
5 the commodity costs at the wholesale level (\$ per MWh) by the applicable loss factor and  
6 then dividing the results by ten. The applicable loss factors can be found in the RFP  
7 summary in Schedule JDW-2.

8  
9 Q. What are the Default Service rates that the Company is proposing for the Large Customer  
10 Group?

11 A. As presented in Schedule JDW-6, the Company is proposing monthly Default Service  
12 rates for the Large Customer Group based on the three monthly contract prices contained  
13 in the supply agreement with the winning Default Service supplier for the Large  
14 Customer Group. These base rates are adjusted by the currently effective Default Service  
15 Adjustment Factor in accordance with the Second Revised Page 87 of the Company's  
16 tariff. On line (7) these rates are further adjusted by the Default Service Cost  
17 Reclassification Adjustment Factor to recover administrative costs associated with  
18 Default Service in accordance with Second Revised Page 93 of its tariff. . Finally, on  
19 line (8) these rates are adjusted by the currently effective RPS Adder. As displayed on  
20 line (9), the proposed base Default Service rates for the Large Customer Group are  
21 6.711¢ per kilowatt-hour, 6.570¢ per kilowatt-hour, and 6.865¢ per kilowatt-hour for the  
22 months of August 2009 through October 2009.

1 Q. How will Granite State reconcile any difference in costs associated with Default Service?

2 A. To the extent that the actual cost of procuring Default Service varies from the amounts  
3 billed to customers for the service, Granite State will continue to reconcile the difference  
4 through a reconciliation mechanism pursuant to Granite State's Default Service  
5 Adjustment Provision contained in its currently effective tariff on Second Revised Page  
6 87.

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8 Q. How and when is the Company proposing that these rate changes be implemented?

9 A. Consistent with the Commission's rules on the implementation of rate changes, the  
10 Company is proposing that these Default Service rates become effective for usage on and  
11 after August 1, 2009.

12

13 Q. Has the Company determined the impact of these rate changes on customer bills?

14 A. Yes. The Company has provided typical bill impacts in Schedule JDW-7. For customers  
15 in the Large Customer Group, the bill impacts when going from the currently approved  
16 July 2009 rate to the proposed August 2009 rate are increases ranging from 5.5% to  
17 6.7%.

18

19 Q. Has the Company prepared a revised Summary of Rates tariff page reflecting the  
20 proposed rates?

21 A. No. The Company has already submitted a revised Summary of Rates tariff page  
22 reflecting proposed rates for July 1, 2009 in Docket No. DE 09-094. Upon receiving

1 orders in Docket No. DE 09-094 and in this proceeding, the Company will file a revised  
2 Summary of Rates tariff page, reflecting the appropriate approved rates.

3  
4 Q. Has the Company included the most recent quarterly report of migration information  
5 based on monthly migration by customer class and load, as required by the Commission's  
6 Order No. 24,715 in Docket No. DE 06-115?

7 A. The quarterly report of customer migration information for the first quarter of calendar  
8 year 2009 is included as Schedule JDW-8.

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10 **VII. Standardization of Payment Terms**

11 Q. Are you familiar with the direct testimony of George R. McCluskey that was filed with  
12 the Commission on June 4, 2009?

13 A. Yes.

14  
15 Q. Please describe the recommendation that Mr. McCluskey made with regard to the  
16 standardization of payment terms to the Company's default service suppliers.

17 A. In his testimony, Mr. McCluskey recommended that, beginning with the Company's next  
18 RFP for default service, the Company insert standard payment terms into its master  
19 power agreements with suppliers which state that the Company will make payment on the  
20 supplier's invoice, less any amounts in dispute, on or before the later of the last business  
21 day of each month or the tenth day after receipt of the invoice, or if such day is not a  
22 business day, then on the next following business day.



1 Q. What is your understanding of Mr. McCluskey's rationale for recommending this change  
2 to the language of the Company's contractual agreements with its default service  
3 suppliers?

4 A. It is my understanding that Mr. McCluskey would like the Company to make payments to  
5 all of its default service suppliers, on average, at least thirty days following the end of the  
6 period for which customers have received the service in order to increase the average  
7 number of days of the Company's expense lead and thereby reduce the Company's  
8 working capital requirement.  
9

10 Q. What are the payment terms that the Company is currently using in its master power  
11 agreements with suppliers?

12 A. The payment terms contained within the Company's existing master power agreements  
13 differ by supplier. Negotiation of a master power agreement with a supplier is a fluid  
14 process that involves give and take between the Company and each supplier. During  
15 negotiation of a master power agreement with individual suppliers, the Company may  
16 agree to shorten its standard payment terms in exchange for other terms that the  
17 Company believes are favorable. Schedule JDW-9 provides a list of the Company's  
18 suppliers who have contracted with the Company to provide default service from  
19 September 2005 through September 2008 and the applicable payment terms associated  
20 with each of these master power agreements. In general, the Company's master power  
21 agreements have payment terms that range between 20 days following the end of the  
22 period to 25 days after invoice. Since suppliers rarely issue invoices on the first day of  
23 the month following the end of the period, payment terms which require payment 25 days

1 after invoice could result in payments to suppliers more than 30 days following the end of  
2 the period. However, the Company has no control over when these suppliers issue their  
3 invoices.

4  
5 Q. Mr. McCluskey has testified that the reason for the decrease in the Company's expense  
6 lead in 2008 as compared with 2007 is a result of changes made to the Company's  
7 payment terms at the request of the Company's suppliers. Is that statement accurate?

8 A. No. Although it is true that most suppliers prefer to be paid sooner than thirty days  
9 following the end of the period for which they have provided service, the Company  
10 explained to Mr. McCluskey that it has not renegotiated its master power agreements in  
11 2008 to accommodate supplier requests for accelerated payment terms. Rather, the  
12 change to the Company's expense lead in 2008 is a result of the unique mixture of  
13 suppliers who happened to win the Company's solicitation for default service and the  
14 existing payment terms contained within those master power agreements. It appears that  
15 the mixture of suppliers who won these solicitations in 2008 tended to have payment  
16 terms which required the Company to pay these suppliers more quickly than the mixture  
17 of suppliers who won the Company's solicitations in 2007.

18  
19 Q. What is the industry standard with regard to the timing of payments to suppliers in the  
20 wholesale electric energy markets?

21 A. Standard industry practice within the wholesale electric energy markets is that supplier  
22 invoices are paid on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of each month. This 20-day payment term is contained  
23 in Article 6.2 of the Edison Electric Institute's Master Power Purchase and Sale

1 Agreement (“EEI Agreement”). The EEI Agreement has been used as a model by the  
2 electric power industry for almost a decade and is attached hereto as Schedule JDW- 10.  
3 In addition, ISO-New England moved towards accelerated payment schedules when it  
4 switched to weekly settlements of the wholesale electric energy markets in 2004 from a  
5 monthly settlement schedule as used previously. As a result of the current turmoil in the  
6 credit markets and the failure of Lehman Brothers last year, ISO-New England has  
7 recently changed its billing policies to further accelerate payments in the wholesale  
8 market with the goal of reducing market participants’ exposure to failures by market  
9 participants. Therefore, many of the suppliers who provide default service will be  
10 subject to weekly settlements at ISO-New England and will be looking to manage their  
11 credit risk by reducing the number of days before they are paid by the Company.

12  
13 Q. Given that the industry standard for payments to suppliers is 20 days, are the payment  
14 terms that the Company uses in its master power agreements reasonable?

15 A. Yes. The Company believes that the payment terms contained within its existing power  
16 supply agreements are reasonable because they are consistent with the industry standard,  
17 and in some instances, better than the industry standard. Furthermore, the Company  
18 believes that Mr. McCluskey’s recommendation to require the Company to impose a 30-  
19 day or end of the month payment term in all of its agreements with suppliers is a  
20 significant step away from standard industry practice and could negatively impact  
21 customers.  
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1 Q. What are your specific concerns about the impact that using a standard 30-day payment  
2 term would have on the Company's default service customers?

3 A. If the Company is required to renegotiate its master power agreements to include an end  
4 of the month or 30-day payment term, the Company is concerned that, going forward, its  
5 suppliers may simply factor the cost of the 30-day payment term into their bids for  
6 providing default service to customers. Although the Company cannot quantify the  
7 potential premium that suppliers might add to their bids as a result of Mr. McCluskey's  
8 recommended change to the Company's payment terms, the Company is concerned that  
9 the cost that suppliers could factor into their bids could easily outweigh any potential  
10 benefit that customers might receive from a reduction in the Company's cash working  
11 capital requirement as a result of a longer expense lead.

12  
13 Q. Are you aware of any support for Mr. McCluskey's recommendation that the Company  
14 use an end of the month payment term?

15 A. No, I am not. Apart from Mr. McCluskey's belief that a longer expense lead will reduce  
16 the Company's cash working capital requirement, Mr. McCluskey has not provided any  
17 support in his testimony that his recommendation that the Company change its payment  
18 terms is appropriate given the nature of the wholesale competitive markets. To the  
19 contrary, as I stated previously, standard industry practice is to use a 20-day payment  
20 term. The Company believes there is considerable risk associated with requiring an  
21 across the board change to its payment terms with suppliers that could negatively impact  
22 customers. Because Mr. McCluskey has not provided adequate support for his  
23 recommendation, the Company believes the Commission should deny his

1 recommendation and permit the Company to continue to recover its supply related cash  
2 working capital requirements consistent with the terms of its existing master power  
3 agreements.

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5 **VIII. Conclusion**

6 Q. When will Granite State issue the next RFP for Default Service?

7 A. The Large Customer Group rates proposed in this filing end on October 31, 2009. Per  
8 the terms of the Settlement Agreement, Granite State will issue an RFP for the Large  
9 Customer Group in mid-August 2009. For purposes of notice to the Commission, the  
10 following table illustrates National Grid's proposed timeline for the next two RFPs:

RFP	August 2009 RFP	October 2009 RFP
RFP Issued	August 07, 2009	October 30, 2009
Indicative Bids Due	September 02, 2009	December 02, 2009
Final Bids Due	September 09, 2009	December 09, 2009
Contract Execution	September 11, 2009	December 11, 2009
Default Service Filing to Commission	September 14, 2009	December 14, 2009
Commission Order Needed	September 21, 2009	December 21, 2009
Service Begins	November 1, 2009	February 1, 2010

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13 Q. Does this conclude your testimony?

14 A. Yes. It does.



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**SCHEDULE JDW – 1**

**Default Service RFP**

**August 1, 2009 through October 31, 2009**

# **Request For Power Supply Proposals To Provide The Following Services:**

Default Service in:  
Massachusetts  
New Hampshire

For the Period:

August 1, 2009 –  
October 31, 2009

**May 8, 2009**

**nationalgrid**

## **REQUEST FOR POWER SUPPLY PROPOSALS**

### **1. Overview**

#### **1.1 Background**

Legislation and restructuring settlement agreements in Massachusetts<sup>1</sup> and New Hampshire<sup>2</sup> provide for competition in the electric utility industry by extending competition in the wholesale power supply markets to retail customers through the provision of retail access to all customers.

The Massachusetts Act provides access to the competitive retail electricity market for all retail customers of National Grid in Massachusetts (Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each d/b/a National Grid) as of March 1, 1998. The Massachusetts Act requires each distribution company to provide default service ("MA Default Service") to those customers that are not receiving generation service from a competitive supplier.

In New Hampshire, the Restructuring Settlement provides access to the competitive retail electricity market for all retail electric customers of National Grid in New Hampshire (Granite State Electric Company d/b/a National Grid) as of July 1, 1998 pursuant to the provisions of the New Hampshire Act. The Restructuring Settlement and the New Hampshire Act require National Grid to provide default service ("NH Default Service") to those customers that are not receiving generation service from a competitive supplier<sup>3</sup>.

MA Default Service and NH Default Service together will be referred to as "Default Service".

#### **1.2 MA Default Service**

The Massachusetts Act requires MA Default Service to be competitively procured. The Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("MDTE") initiated a

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<sup>1</sup> Act Relative to Restructuring the Electric Utility Industry in the Commonwealth, Regulating the Provision of Electricity and Other Services, and Promoting Enhanced Consumer Protections Therein, Chapter 164 of The Massachusetts Acts of 1997 ("Massachusetts Act").

<sup>2</sup> Granite State Electric Company's Second Amended Restructuring Settlement Agreement ("Restructuring Settlement") and RSA 374-F ("New Hampshire Act").

<sup>3</sup> The New Hampshire Act specifies that Transition Service ends at midnight on April 30, 2006. All Transition Service customers who did not choose a competitive supplier by April 30, 2006 began receiving NH Default Service on May 1, 2006. A settlement agreement approved by the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission on January 13, 2006 in Order No. 24,577 provides for the procurement of NH Default Service commencing May 1, 2006 ("DS Settlement Agreement").

generic proceeding on rules and procedures for the provision and pricing of MA Default Service<sup>4</sup>. The MDTE ordered all electric companies in Massachusetts to procure MA Default Service through competitive solicitations by customer group (residential, commercial and industrial) and to procure such power at fixed monthly prices<sup>5</sup>. The MDTE also ordered electric companies to procure power for each customer group on a zone-specific basis based on the three Standard Market Design (“SMD”) Load Zones in Massachusetts<sup>6</sup>. Retail pricing for MA Default Service is to be provided on a zone-specific basis for the industrial customer group while retail MA Default Service prices for the residential and commercial customer groups are to be averaged across the zones served by the utility.

The MDTE ordered electric companies to procure power for the industrial customer group (i.e., larger customers) on a quarterly basis<sup>7</sup>.

National Grid is hereby seeking proposals from qualified power suppliers to supply firm, load-following power to meet its MA Default Service requirements.

### 1.3 Massachusetts Customer Groups

For the purposes of this solicitation, the Massachusetts customer groups are defined as:

Customer Group	Rate Class
Residential	R-1, R-2, R-4 and R-E
Commercial	G-1 and street lights
Industrial	G-2 and G-3

### 1.4 NH Default Service

The DS Settlement Agreement in New Hampshire and the New Hampshire Act require National Grid to provide NH Default Service to those customers that are not receiving generation service from a competitive energy supplier. In compliance with the DS Settlement Agreement, National Grid will procure NH Default Service by customer group (small customer group and large customer group). For the large customer group, National Grid will procure 100% of their NH Default Service supply for a three-month period.

National Grid is hereby seeking proposals from qualified power suppliers to supply firm, load-following power to meet its NH Default Service requirements.

<sup>4</sup> Docket D.T.E. 99-60.

<sup>5</sup> See Dockets D.T.E. 99-60-A and D.T.E. 99-60-B.

<sup>6</sup> See Docket D.T.E. 02-40-A.

<sup>7</sup> See Docket D.T.E. 02-40-C.



## 1.5 New Hampshire Customer Groups

For the purposes of this solicitation, the New Hampshire customer groups are defined as:

Customer Group	Rate Class
Small Customer Group	D, D-10, G-3, M, T and V
Large Customer Group	G-1 and G-2

## 2. Description of Services

### 2.1 Description

Appendix A contains an overview of the services covered by this Request for Proposal (“RFP”). The Appendix provides:

- A brief description of MA Default Service;
- A brief description of NH Default Service;
- The eligibility requirements for a customer to obtain or leave Default Service;

### 2.2 Expected Loads

National Grid is unable to predict the amount of load that will be required to meet the needs of each customer group, if any. National Grid’s customers are free to leave Default Service at any time to take service from competitive suppliers. The ability of customers to enroll or return to Default Service is described in Appendix A.

To assist Respondents in determining the potential load requirements, National Grid is able to provide the following information on its Power Procurement Web Site:

For MA Default Service:

- Aggregate historical wholesale hourly load information for MA Default Service (since March 1, 1998);
- Aggregate historical wholesale hourly loads for MA Default Service by customer group (since November 1, 2000);
- Historic hourly loads by SMD Load Zone and customer group for MA Default Service (since March 1, 2003);
- Reports showing the number of customers enrolled in various electric services and energy consumption at retail by rate class can be found at the Division of Energy Resource’s (“DOER”) Electric Deregulation page.

## For NH Default Service:

- Aggregate historical wholesale hourly load information for NH Default Service (from December 1, 2002 to April 30, 2006);
- Aggregated historical hourly load information for NH Default Service (since May 1, 2006)
- Aggregate historical wholesale hourly load information for Transition Service by the four customer groups (from July 1, 2002 to April 30, 2006). The Transition Service customer groups are defined as:

Customer Group	Rate Class
Residential	D, D-10, M & T
Small Commercial	G-3 and V
Medium Commercial	G-2
Industrial	G-1

Note: As a result of Transition Service ending on April 30, 2006, all customers not taking service from a competitive supplier were transferred to either the small customer group or the large customer group of NH Default Service on May 1, 2006. In order to estimate NH Default Service load for the large customer group, the medium commercial and industrial Transition Service and pre May 1, 2006 NH Default Service loads will need to be combined into one service. For the small customer group, the residential and small commercial Transition Service loads will need to be combined into one service.

## For All Services:

- Class average load shapes at the retail meter point;
- Historical customer counts, as of the last billing day in each month, by each National Grid company, SMD Load Zone (since March 1, 2003) and rate class. These counts represent the number of active accounts in each rate class as of the last billing day in each month;
- Historical customer counts for customers taking service from a competitive supplier, as of the last billing day in each month, by rate class.
- ICAP tags as of the last day of the month for each load asset.

Please use the following link to access the site:

<http://www.nationalgridus.com/energysupply/>

Click on “Data” at the upper right of the screen to access Load data, Customer Count data, Class Average Load Shapes and ICAP Tags. This site is open to anyone with the above link. No user id or password is required to access the data on the site.

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## 2.3 Load Blocks

National Grid's total Default Service requirements covered by this RFP are broken down into the following four load blocks:

Load Block	Customer Group	SMD Load Zone	Load Share	Type of Service	Period
<b>A</b>	Industrial	SEMA	100%	MA Default Service	08/01/09 – 10/31/09
<b>B</b>	Industrial	WCMA	100%	MA Default Service	08/01/09 – 10/31/09
<b>C</b>	Industrial	NEMA	100%	MA Default Service	08/01/09 – 10/31/09
<b>D</b>	Large	NH	100%	NH Default Service	08/01/09 – 10/31/09

The load blocks in the SEMA Load Zone include National Grid's customers on the Island of Nantucket.

A Respondent may bid on any number of load blocks that it wishes to serve. A Respondent wishing to serve the entire load for a particular customer group should submit a bid for each load block of that customer group. Respondents may not limit the amount of service that may be purchased for a given load block. Proposals that contain limits on the amount of service provided will be rejected<sup>8</sup>.

The amount of load for each load block to be supplied by the winning Supplier(s) will be determined in accordance with the procedure contained in Article 6 of the applicable proposed Master Power Agreement, a copy of which is provided in Appendices B and C.

## 2.4 Massachusetts Retail Customer Rates

During the term of service covered by this RFP, National Grid intends, in accordance with MDPU orders, to establish retail rates for generation service for MA Default Service customers ("Basic Service Rates"). Such Basic Service Rates will reflect National Grid's purchase costs for such service due to commitments made as a result of this and previous RFPs and those costs associated with arranging MA Default Service (see below).

The retail rates for the industrial customer group will vary by SMD Load Zone based on the winning bids. National Grid will file proposed Basic Service Rates with the MDPU following execution of an agreement(s) with a winning supplier(s). The Basic Service Rates charged to retail customers during the term of service covered by this RFP will be as ultimately approved by the MDPU.

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<sup>8</sup> For example, a Respondent offering to supply Block A load must agree to supply 100% of the needs of that load block during every month of the Period (for example, 100% of the total load of the Industrial customer group in the SEMA Load Zone). The Respondent may not offer to serve Block A provided that the amount of service purchased does not exceed [specified value] MW in any hour.



In Docket D.T.E. 02-40-B, the MDTE determined that it is appropriate to include other costs an electric company incurs in providing MA Default Service in its Basic Service Rates. In Docket D.T.E. 03-88-E, the MDTE ordered National Grid to include those costs associated with arranging MA Default Service in its Basic Service Rates. National Grid implemented this change with the Default Service Cost Reclassification Adjustment Provision (MDTE No. 1084) to include such charges with the provision of MA Default Service to its customers

## 2.5 New Hampshire Retail Customer Rates

During the term of service covered by this RFP, National Grid intends, in accordance with the DS Settlement Agreement, to establish retail rates for generation service for NH Default Service customers ("Energy Service Rates"). The Energy Service Rates will reflect National Grid's purchase costs for such service due to commitments made as a result of this RFP. The DS Settlement Agreement also requires National Grid to include in its Energy Service Rates a surcharge to account for the administrative costs associated with NH Default Service. The Energy Service Rates will be as ultimately approved by the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission ("NHPUC").

## 2.6 Effectiveness of Contracts (MA and NH only)

Any agreement(s) entered into for the delivery of MA Default Service pursuant to this solicitation will be subject to the MDPU's favorable review of the results of National Grid's solicitation for Default Service. Section 1 of the Massachusetts Master Power Supply Agreement Form of Confirmation addresses the possibility that the MDPU does not favorably review the results of National Grid's solicitation for Default Service.

Any agreement(s) entered into for the delivery of NH Default Service pursuant to this solicitation will be subject to the approval by the NHPUC of the retail rates prior to the agreement(s) becoming effective. Section 1 of the New Hampshire Master Power Supply Agreement Form of Confirmation addresses the possibility that the NHPUC may not approve the retail rates.

Any agreement(s) entered into for the delivery of NH Default Service pursuant to this solicitation will be subject to the approval by the NHPUC of the retail rates prior to the agreement(s) becoming effective. Section 3.1 of the New Hampshire Power Supply Agreement addresses the possibility that the NHPUC may not approve the retail rates.

# 3. General Provisions

## 3.1 Terms and Conditions

The winning Supplier(s) will be selected to provide Default Service to the applicable customer groups/load blocks during the term covered by this RFP. Up to four (4) separate Suppliers may be selected – one for each load block. Default Service will be





provided by such Supplier(s) to National Grid in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Power Supply Agreements. A copy of the proposed Master Power Supply Agreement for Massachusetts is provided in Appendix B, a copy of the proposed Master Power Supply Agreement for New Hampshire is provided in Appendix C. The winning Supplier(s) will be required to execute the applicable Master Power Supply Agreement(s) and confirmations within three (3) business days of being notified that it has been selected as the winning Supplier.

Any suggested modifications to the proposed Agreement(s) are to be included with Respondent's response to this RFP.

### 3.2 Proposal Process and Submission Dates

The following table outlines the key dates associated with this procurement process.

<b>Process Step</b>	<b>Date</b>
Issue Request for Proposal	May 8, 2009
Submit Respondent Proposal Information and Proposed Agreement Modifications	May 29, 2009– 5pm EPT
Submit Indicative Pricing	June 3, 2009– 10am EPT
Submit Final Pricing	June 10, 2009– 10am EPT
Execute Agreements and Submit solicitation process summary, Agreements and retail rates to MDPU and NHPUC, as applicable	No later than three business days after receipt of all executed agreements.
MDPU Reviews and Approves both Agreements and Basic Service Rates	No later than five business days after filing of Basic Service Rates
NHPUC Reviews and Approves Default Service Rates	No later than five business days after filing of Default Service Rates
Service Begins	August 1, 2009

One (1) copy of a Respondent's Proposal Information and proposed agreement modifications must be received at the following address:

Mr. John D. Warshaw  
 Electric Supply & Distributed Generation  
 National Grid  
 25 Research Drive  
 Westborough, MA 01582  
 (508) 389-3526  
 (508) 389-4485 (fax)  
 e-mail: john.warshaw@us.ngrid.com

Proposal information may be submitted by facsimile or e-mail.

National Grid is conducting the procurement process in three steps. The first step is for Respondents to provide National Grid with their background information, financial



information, and proposed agreement modifications by 5:00 p.m. EPT on Friday, May 29, 2009. Upon receipt, National Grid will evaluate each Respondent's qualifications and proposed agreement modifications.

The second step in this process is for Respondents to provide indicative pricing information by 10:00 a.m. EPT on Wednesday, June 3, 2009 at the above address. National Grid will evaluate the indicative pricing and request, if required, clarifications from Respondents.

The third step is for Respondents to provide final pricing information by 10:00 a.m. EPT on Wednesday, June 10, 2009 at the above address. National Grid requests final pricing be valid until 3:00 p.m... National Grid intends to evaluate the final pricing and select a Supplier(s) that day. Respondents are requested to specify the manner in which they will accept a binding acceptance of their offer by National Grid prior to receipt of an executed agreement (verbal, letter of intent, e-mail or executed agreement) or they will be deemed to be bound by National Grid's acceptance communicated in any of the preceding manners.

Within three business days of receipt of all executed agreements, National Grid will file with the MDPU and the NHPUC a confidential summary of the solicitation process, the executed agreement(s) and proposed Basic Service Rates or Energy Service Rates, respectively.

Consistent with its rules, the MDPU will have five business days to review the results of National Grid's solicitation for Default Service. If the MDPU takes no action, National Grid's proposed Default Service price will go into effect. If the Department issues an order disapproving or rejecting the results of National Grid's solicitation for Default Service, the agreement between National Grid and Supplier(s) shall become null and void.

Consistent with its rules, the NHPUC will have five business days to either approve the proposed Energy Service Rates or reject them. If the NHPUC denies National Grid's request for approval of the retail rates, the agreement(s) will be void and the parties will have no further obligation under the agreements(s).

National Grid, at its sole discretion, reserves the right to issue additional instructions or requests for additional information, to extend the due date, to modify any provision in this RFP or any appendix thereto and to withdraw this RFP.

### 3.3 Contact Person/Questions

All questions regarding this Request for Proposal should be directed to John D. Warshaw at the address provided above.



### 3.4 Right to Select Supplier

National Grid shall have the exclusive right to select or reject any and/or all of the proposals submitted at any time, for any reason.

## 4. Service Features

### 4.1 Commencement Date of Supply

Service from the winning Supplier(s) to National Grid shall begin as of HE 0100 EPT on the date specified in the table found in Section 2.3 – Load Blocks.

Service from National Grid to individual customers who are taking Default Service in each customer group as of the Commencement Date, if any, will continue with the winning Supplier(s) providing such service to National Grid as of the Commencement Date.

Service from National Grid to individual customers taking Default Service as of the Commencement Date shall begin on the customer's meter reading date following notification/determination that a customer will be commencing Default Service or such other date designated by National Grid consistent with National Grid's Tariff for Off Cycle Meter Read For Switch of Supplier Provision, M.D.T.E. No. 1053-A in Massachusetts, or the Off Cycle Meter Read for Switch of Supplier Provision, Original Page 92, of National Grid's *Tariff for Retail Delivery Service for the Period after New England Power Company Divests Substantially All of Its Non-Nuclear Generation*, N.H.P.U.C. No. 17 in New Hampshire.

National Grid's procedures provide for customers to be switched from one service option to another (e.g., from Default Service to a competitive supplier, from one competitive supplier to another competitive supplier, from a competitive supplier to Default Service) on their normal cycle meter reading dates. However, there may be circumstances (e.g., default of a competitive supplier) that might require a customer to be switched to Default Service "off-cycle". In such case, the customer will be switched to Default Service on a date designated by National Grid consistent with National Grid's Off Cycle Meter Read For Switch of Supplier Provision, M.D.T.E. No. 1053-A in Massachusetts, or the Off Cycle Meter Read for Switch of Supplier Provision, Original Page 92, of National Grid's *Tariff for Retail Delivery Service for the Period after New England Power Company Divests Substantially All of Its Non-Nuclear Generation*, N.H.P.U.C. No. 17 in New Hampshire.

### 4.2 Termination Date of Supply

Service from the winning Supplier(s) to National Grid shall terminate at HE 2400 EPT on the dates specified in the table found in Section 2.3 – Load Blocks.

Individual customers taking Default Service from National Grid may terminate the service at any time. Terminations may include, but not be limited to, (i) a customer's taking competitive service from a competitive supplier, (ii) disconnection of service by National Grid in accordance with regulations and procedures approved by the MDPU or the NHPUC, or (iii) closing of a customer's account. National Grid's procedures provide for customers electing to terminate such service to be switched to their successor service on their normal cycle meter reading date following the date that National Grid receives notification of such switch. However, there may be circumstances which might require a customer to be terminated "off-cycle". In such a case, the customer will be terminated from Default Service on a date to be determined by National Grid.

#### 4.3 Delivery Points

The Supplier(s) of Default Service will be responsible for delivering power to the nodes/zones representing the actual locations of the Default Service loads. The Supplier(s) of each of the services will be responsible for any PTF losses allocated by the ISO related to the services. The locations of the Default Service load assets are as follows:

<b>Company</b>	<b>SMD Load Zone</b>	<b>Load Asset</b>	<b>Load Asset Name</b>	<b>Load Block</b>
Nantucket	SEMA	10021	NANT-DEF SVC-ICG LOAD	A
MECo	SEMA	7605	DEF SVC-MECO-ICG LOAD_4006	A
MECo	WCMA	7707	DEF SVC-MECO-ICG LOAD_4007	B
MECo	NEMA	7807	DEF SVC-MECO-ICG LOAD_4008	C
GSECo	NH	11437	GSECO-DEF SVC LARGE CG LOAD	D

#### 4.4 Form of Service

The Supplier(s) of each Load Block shall be responsible for meeting the specified service requirements for all of National Grid's customers in a specific Load Block. These service requirements include the generation and/or market procurement and delivery to the delivery point(s) of the portion of the electric capacity, energy and ancillary services required to meet the needs of National Grid's ultimate customers taking such service. National Grid will implement the transfer of these responsibilities to the Supplier(s) by updating the asset registration for each of the above Load Assets. National Grid will assign to the Supplier(s) the applicable Ownership Share for each Load Asset. Once a Supplier's obligation terminates, National Grid will terminate the Supplier's Ownership Share of a Load Asset.

The Supplier(s) shall be responsible for all obligations, requirements, and costs associated with the Supplier(s) having the Load Asset Ownership Share which shall include but not be limited to the day-ahead load obligations and real-time load obligations at the nodes/zones of each Load Asset. A more complete description of a

Supplier(s)'s responsibilities can be found in the proposed Master Power Supply Agreements in Appendices B and C of this RFP.

The Supplier(s) shall be responsible for all decisions and data submissions associated with any bids into the market system to manage these obligations. The Supplier(s) shall be responsible for all components of any Locational Marginal Prices the Supplier must pay in delivery of the services. These components include, but are not limited to, the day-ahead and real-time energy, marginal losses, and congestion charges. As the supplier of such services, the Supplier(s) will be responsible for all present or future requirements and associated costs (to the extent such charges are not imposed on National Grid as a transmission charge by NEPOOL or the ISO) associated with the services and any other requirements, market products, expenses or charges imposed by NEPOOL or the ISO, as they may be in effect from time to time.

The Supplier(s) will also be responsible for all transmission and distribution losses associated with delivery of the electricity from the delivery point to the Default Service customer's meter. A description of the estimation process for determining supplier hourly load can be found in Appendix A of the proposed Master Power Supply Agreements, found in Appendices B and C of this RFP.

National Grid will make arrangements with the ISO for transmission service over the PTF and non-PTF, from and after the Delivery Point to the Customers' meters. National Grid will be billed by the ISO and the applicable Participating Transmission Owner(s) for these services. National Grid will pay these bills and collect the costs, along with National Grid's distribution costs, from its retail customers through its retail delivery service tariffs. Any other transmission or distribution costs will be the Supplier(s)' responsibility.

#### 4.5 Implementation of the Massachusetts Renewable Energy Portfolio Standards ("MA-RPS")

The Massachusetts Act requires the Massachusetts Division of Energy Resources ("DOER") to establish renewable energy portfolio standards for all retail electricity suppliers selling electricity to end-use consumers in the Commonwealth<sup>9</sup>.

The standards are:

**RPS Class I** consists of new renewable generators that began operation after December 31, 1997.

**RPS Class II Renewable Generation** consists of renewable generators that began operation on or before December 31, 1997.

**RPS Class II Waste Energy Generation** consists of waste to energy generators that began operation on or before December 31, 1997.

**APS Alternative Energy Generation** consists of qualifying alternative generation units that began operation after January 1, 2008.

<sup>9</sup>The Electric Restructuring Act of 1997 was modified by the Green Communities Act of 2008. .

The renewable requirements as a percent of sales are divided into 4 separate classes and summarized below:

Year	Class I	Class II Renewable	Class II Waste	APS	Total
2009	4.0	3.6	3.5	1.0	12.1

National Grid requests Respondents to separately bid the cost of MA RPS compliance equivalent to 12.1% in 2009. National Grid will have the option to select bids that include or exclude the MA-RPS component.

If National Grid accepts bids with the RPS component, National Grid will require the winning Supplier(s) to utilize the NEPOOL Generation Information System (“NEPOOL GIS”) to provide NEPOOL GIS Certificates that comply with the requirements of the RPS regulations. Respondents may propose alternate methods for demonstrating compliance. In each monthly invoice for a service that includes the RPS component, National Grid will take a credit equal to the product of the RPS obligation and the Alternative Compliance Payment. Once a Supplier delivers the required number of NEPOOL GIS Certificates, the credit will be returned to the Supplier.

#### 4.6 Implementation of the New Hampshire Renewable Portfolio Standards (“NH-RPS”)

In 2007 the State of New Hampshire enacted an Electric Renewable Portfolio Standards law (“NH-RPS Law”) (RSA 362-F) to foster the development of renewable energy sources to meet New Hampshire’s energy needs. The NH-RPS Law requires all retail electricity suppliers to source a minimum portion of their energy needs from a portfolio of renewable energy resources. On June 2, 2008, the New NHPUC issued final rules (Chapter PUC 2500) implementing the NH-RPS Law. These rules can be found at:

<http://www.puc.state.nh.us/Regulatory/Rules/Puc2500.pdf>

These rules require National Grid to demonstrate that a portion of its electricity sales in 2009 are supplied from a mix of renewable energy generation sources. They are:

**Class I** consists of new renewable generators that began operation after January 1, 2006).

**Class II** consists of new generators utilizing solar technologies.

**Class III** consists of existing generators utilizing: 1) biomass technologies with a gross nameplate capacity of 25 MW or less; and 2) methane gas.

**Class IV** consists of existing qualifying small hydroelectric generators with a gross nameplate capacity of 5 MW or less.

The renewable requirements as a percent of sales are divided into 4 separate classes and summarized below:

Year	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV	Total
2009	0.5	0.0	4.5	1.0	6.0

National Grid requests Respondents to separately bid the cost of NH-RPS compliance equivalent to 6.0% in 2009. National Grid will have the option to select bids that include or exclude the NH-RPS component.

If National Grid accepts bids with the NH-RPS components, National Grid will require the winning Supplier(s) to utilize the NEPOOL Generation Information System (“NEPOOL GIS”) to provide NEPOOL GIS Certificates that comply with the requirements of the NH-RPS rules. Respondents may propose alternate methods for demonstrating compliance. In each monthly invoice for a service that includes the NH-RPS component, National Grid will take a credit equal to the product of the NH-RPS obligation and the applicable Alternative Compliance Payment. Once a Supplier delivers the required number of NEPOOL GIS Certificates, the credit will be returned to the Supplier.

## 5. Proposal Requirements

### 5.1 Format of Proposal

The information required by National Grid to evaluate each proposal is identified in Appendix D. Respondents may simply complete the forms provided in Appendix D in any legible fashion and return them to John D. Warshaw as provided in Section 3.2. In addition, proposals should contain explanatory, descriptive and/or supporting materials as necessary.

### 5.2 Proposed Pricing

Respondents must specify the price at which they will provide Default Service for each Load Block on which they are bidding to serve. Purchases will be made on an “as-delivered” energy basis with prices stated on a fixed \$/MWh basis. Such prices may vary by SMD Zone, calendar month and by customer group, but must be uniform for the entire calendar month and cover the entire term of this Request for Proposals.

Prices which contain demand components, minimum purchase requirements or which vary by time-of-use within a calendar month will be rejected. Prices which exclude one or more market costs (e.g. Installed Capability, uplift costs, etc.) may, at National Grid’s discretion, be rejected.

National Grid intends to pay a Supplier(s) based on the billing determinants as defined in the proposed Power Supply Agreement. These billing determinants are the loads as reported to the ISO, which include transmission and distribution losses, and exclude any PTF losses allocated to the Supplier by the ISO during the settlement.



National Grid is seeking the following pricing:

- **All-Inclusive Bids:** For each Load Block (A through D), a price which includes all costs. Should National Grid select this option, (1) suppliers would be responsible for all costs including capacity market charges and (2) Suppliers would not be responsible for supplying the RPS/RES component.
- **MA-RPS Compliance:** Price, on a separate \$ per MWh basis in 2009, for Supplier to provide the MA-RPS component for Load Blocks A through C. Should National Grid select this option, the MA-RPS Compliance Bid price would be added to the All-Inclusive Bid price and the Supplier would provide the applicable quantity of NEPOOL GIS Certificates (see Section 4.5).
- **NH-RPS Compliance:** Price, on a separate \$ per MWh basis in 2009, for Supplier to provide the required NH-RPS component for Load Block D. Should National Grid select this option, the NH-RPS Compliance Bid prices would be added to either the All-Inclusive or Pass-Through Bid price and the Supplier would provide the applicable quantity of NEPOOL GIS Certificates (see Section 4.7).

### 5.3 Terms and Conditions

Service will be provided pursuant to the terms of the proposed Master Power Agreements provided in Appendices B and C. Should a Respondent request National Grid to consider any changes to the proposed terms, such request must be presented to National Grid with its Proposal Information by May 29, 2009.

### 5.4 New England Market Participation

Each Respondent must indicate whether it has an executed and accepted Market Participant Service Agreement with ISO New England or if it plans to execute an agreement and, if so, at what point it is in the application process and the time frame for completing the process. Respondents must also provide evidence of agreements with a Market Participant if Respondent will have another Market Participant be responsible for its market settlement obligations.

### 5.5 Competitive Supplier Registration

The service provided by the Supplier(s) of Default Service to National Grid is a wholesale transaction between the Supplier(s) and National Grid; therefore, the Supplier(s) do not have to be licensed or registered suppliers with any state regulatory commission.



## 5.6 Regulatory Approvals

The Supplier(s) of the services covered by this Request for Proposal must obtain and maintain all necessary regulatory approvals required to enable it to provide the applicable service; such approvals must be obtained prior to August 1, 2009.

## 6. Retail Customer Relationships

### 6.1 Customer Billing

All customers taking Default Service covered by this RFP will be retail customers of National Grid. As the retail provider of such service, National Grid will bill customers for the Default Service provided.

### 6.2 Customer Bill Inserts in Massachusetts

The Supplier(s) of MA Default Service may furnish a one-page bill insert which National Grid may include in the bill that it sends to each customer taking such service in the applicable customer group and Load Zone in Massachusetts during the delivery term. Bill inserts may be included in only one monthly billing cycle during the term of service. Inserts shall be printed on 60# Mountie Matte paper, shall be three and one-quarter inches high by six and one-quarter inches wide in size and may be of any typeface *except* ITC Century and ITC Franklin Gothic.

The Supplier(s) must inform National Grid at least sixty (60) days prior to the start of the monthly billing cycle in which it seeks National Grid to include its insert in applicable MA Default Service customer bills. National Grid will respond within seven (7) days if it can accommodate the request, provide an estimate of the cost of additional postage to be paid by the Supplier(s) in order to include the insert in the requested monthly billing cycle, or suggest an alternate monthly billing cycle. Customer bill inserts must be received by National Grid at least ten (10) days prior to the start date of its inclusion in customer bills. National Grid will be responsible for including only the number of inserts that are provided to them. National Grid will not be responsible for returning to the Supplier(s) unused inserts unless the Supplier(s) have made arrangements for its return. National Grid reserves the right to schedule bill inserts in order to minimize postage and handling costs.

### 6.3 Notification of Enrollments and Terminations

National Grid will provide electronic notification to the Supplier(s) of Default Service customer enrollments and terminations within a customer group. Enrollment information will include account number, rate class and commencement date of service. Termination information will include account number, rate class and termination date of service. Such notifications shall only be provided when a Supplier establishes a Windows or Unix file

server with capability of sending and receiving File Transfer Protocol (“FTP”), files with Pretty Good Privacy (“PGP”), Encryption/Decryption, and (ii) verifies its ability to transfer files to and receive files from National Grid at least fourteen (14) days prior to the day on which a Supplier desires to commence electronic receipt.

#### 6.4 Customer Service

National Grid, as the retail provider of Default Service, will provide customer service to all customers receiving Default Service.

### 7. Load Response Program

National Grid fully supports load response programs and has successfully developed and implemented many programs over the years. Respondents are encouraged to include load response programs for various customer groups as part of their proposals. National Grid will work with winning Supplier(s) to implement the proposed load response program during the term of service.

### 8. Selection Process

The principal criteria to be used in evaluating proposals will include:

- Lowest evaluated bid price by Load Block;
- Respondent’s ability to meet the credit requirements established in the proposed Master Power Supply Agreements provided in Appendices B and C;
- Firmness of delivery;
- The supplier’s past experience in providing similar services to National Grid;
- The supplier’s past experience in providing similar services to other companies in New England;
- The supplier’s past experience in providing similar services to other companies in other regions;
- The supplier’s demonstrated understanding of its obligations under the proposed Power Supply Agreement; and
- Whether there have been any past or are any present events that are known that may adversely affect the supplier’s ability to provide the requirements to National Grid’s Default Service customers.

## 9. Credit Requirements

In order to protect National Grid's Default Service customers from the risk of Supplier(s) default, a winning Supplier(s) must be able to demonstrate it has the financial resources to perform during the term of the agreement. As reflected in the attached proposed Master Power Supply Agreements (Appendices B and C to this RFP), National Grid will require Supplier(s) to provide some form of security when entering into a Confirmation. The security arrangement will be based on the expected volume of load for the bid block and a mark-to-market margining clause. As forward market prices change, the Supplier(s) will be required to post security for those incremental changes. Additionally, Suppliers that are rated at or below BBB-/Baa3 will be required to post an Independent Amount equal to 10% of the notional value of each Load Block awarded. The Supplier(s) shall provide security in one of the following forms:

- Unsecured line of credit for a rated counterparty
- Parental Guaranty
- Letter of Credit
- Cash deposit with National Grid

Respondents that are rated by a major credit rating agency must provide the ratings assigned by such agencies. Respondents that are not rated by a major credit rating agency must provide the following information to enable National Grid to evaluate a Respondent's financial strength:

- Respondent's organizational history
- Date of establishment
- Initial (if founded within the last ten years) and current capitalization
- Certified financial statements, including balance sheets and statements of income and cash flow with respect to the two previous fiscal years and the most recent interim period
- Forms 10-K and 10-Q, submitted to the United States Securities and Exchange Commission for the two previous fiscal years, if applicable;
- Short-term and long-term debt ratings from Moody's Investor Service or Standard & Poor's Corporation
- Corporate affiliates or joint venture partners including any details regarding financial limitations between partners or affiliates.

If a Respondent has provided this information to National Grid or an affiliate in a response to a previous RFP, then the Respondent needs only to identify the date and to whom the information was submitted and update the previously provided information.

National Grid agrees that it will treat the information it receives from Respondents in a confidential manner and will not, except as required by law or regulatory authority, disclose such information to any third party or use such information for any purpose other than in connection with this RFP.

**APPENDIX A**

**DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES**

<b>Massachusetts Electric Company</b> <b>Nantucket Electric Company</b>  <b>MA Default (Basic) Service</b>	
Description	Electric Service provided to retail customers who are not taking service from a competitive supplier.
Eligibility Requirements	<p>Service to customers can be initiated by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) A customer notifying National Grid that it wishes to terminate service from its competitive supplier and commence Default Service.</li> <li>b) A competitive supplier notifying National Grid that it is terminating service to a customer.</li> <li>c) A competitive supplier ceasing to provide service to a customer without notifying National Grid.</li> <li>d) A customer moves into National Grid's service territory and does not affirmatively choose a competitive supplier.</li> </ul>
Aggregate Number of Customers Taking Service and Historical Load Profiles	<p>Note: Historic customer count data and historical hourly load profiles are available at National Grid's procurement web site:</p> <p><a href="http://www.nationalgridus.com/energysupply/">http://www.nationalgridus.com/energysupply/</a></p>

<b>Granite State Electric Company</b>	
<b>NH Default (Energy) Service</b>	
Description	Service provided to retail customers who are not taking service from a competitive energy supplier.
Eligibility Requirements	Service to customers is initiated by: a) A customer notifying National Grid that it wishes to terminate service from its competitive energy supplier and commence Default Service. b) A competitive energy supplier notifying National Grid that it is terminating service to a customer. c) A competitive energy supplier ceasing to provide service to a customer without notifying National Grid. d) A customer moves into National Grid's service territory and does not affirmatively choose a competitive energy supplier.
Aggregate Number of Customers Taking Service and Historical Load Profiles	Note: Historic customer count data and historical hourly load profiles are available at National Grid's procurement web site:  <a href="http://www.nationalgridus.com/energysupply/">http://www.nationalgridus.com/energysupply/</a>

## **APPENDIX B**

### **PROPOSED MASSACHUSETTS MASTER POWER SUPPLY AGREEMENT**

## MASSACHUSETTS MASTER POWER AGREEMENT

This **MASTER POWER AGREEMENT** (“Master Power Agreement”) is dated as of **[date]** and is by and between **MASSACHUSETTS ELECTRIC COMPANY** (“MECo”), a Massachusetts corporation, **NANTUCKET ELECTRIC COMPANY** (“Nantucket”), a Massachusetts corporation (MECo and Nantucket are referred to collectively as “Mass. Electric” or “Buyer”), and each shall be severally and not jointly liable hereunder and **[Company]**, a [what] (“Seller”). This Master Power Agreement provides for the sale by Seller of Default Service, as defined herein, to the Buyer. MECo, Nantucket and Seller are referred to herein individually as a “Party” and collectively as the “Parties”.

### ARTICLE 1. BASIC UNDERSTANDINGS

Seller and Buyer have agreed to execute this Master Power Agreement in order to establish the basic terms of Seller’s provision and sale of, and Buyer’s acceptance and purchase of, Default Service. This Master Power Agreement, together with the Appendices and written supplements (including any Confirmations) hereto, and any designated collateral, credit support or margin agreement or similar arrangement between the Parties regarding the Transactions (as defined in Article 2), shall be referred to as the “Agreement” and shall constitute the entire agreement between the Parties relating to the subject matter hereof and supersedes any other agreements, written or oral, between the Parties concerning such subject matter but specifically excluding written agreements executed by the Parties prior to the Effective Date.

### ARTICLE 2. DEFINITIONS

As used in this Agreement, the following terms shall have the meanings specified in this Article. In addition, except as otherwise expressly provided, terms with initial capitalization used in this Agreement and not defined herein shall have the meaning as defined in the NEPOOL Rules.

**Affiliate** means, with respect to any Party, any entity (other than a person) that, directly or indirectly, controls, or is controlled by, or is under common control with, such Party. For this purpose, “control” means the direct or indirect ownership of fifty percent (50%) or more of the outstanding capital stock or other equity interests having ordinary voting power.

**Aggregate RPS Requirement** means the total of the RPS Requirement for each calendar month during a Delivery Term in which there is an RPS Requirement in a Transaction.

**Alternative Compliance Payment Rate means** the values as published by the Massachusetts Division of Energy Resources in accordance with 225 CMR 14.08 (3) (a) 2, 225 CMR 15.08 (3) (a) 2 or 225 CMR 16.08 (3) (a) 2.

**APS Alternative Generation Attributes** means as defined in Section 16.02 of the Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard – Class I.

**APS Alternative Generation Unit** means as defined in Section 16.02 of the Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard – Class I.



**Alternative Energy Portfolio Standard** means the regulations promulgated pursuant to M.G.L. c. 25A, § 11F ½ that require all retail electricity suppliers to end-use customers in Massachusetts to provide a minimum percentage of electricity sales to contain APS Alternative Generation Attributes, which are derived from certain alternative energy generating resources beginning on January 1, 2009, as more explicitly provided for in 225 CMR 16.00, as such regulations may be amended from time to time.

**Award Block** means the numerical designation, for administrative purposes only, as may be set forth on a Confirmation to identify Customer Groups to be served from and including the Commencement Date through the Conclusion Date, in a specified Load Zone, and the associated Load Asset Number and Load Asset Name, or other information as may be associated therewith in a Confirmation.

**Bid Proxy Price** means, the product of (a) the Reference New England Internal Hub Price as set forth in the Confirmation for the applicable Transaction, (b) the Resulting Bid Factor for a calendar month, and (c) the Adjustment Factor, all for the applicable Transaction.

**Business Day** means a 24-hour period ending at 5:00 p.m. EPT, other than Saturday, Sunday and any day which is a legal holiday or a day on which banking institutions in Boston, Massachusetts are authorized by law or other governmental action to close.

**Buyer** has the meaning set forth in the preamble of this Master Power Agreement, along with any successors, assigns, employees, agents and authorized representatives thereof.

**Buyer's System** means the electrical transmission and distribution system of the Buyer and the electrical transmission and distribution system of any Affiliate of the Buyer.

**Buyer's Service Territory** means the geographic area served by Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company including the service territory formerly served by Eastern Edison Company which has been merged with and into Massachusetts Electric Company.

**Commencement Date** means the period at HE 0100 EPT on the date set forth for each Customer Group in the Confirmation for the applicable Transaction.

**Commercial Customer Group** means the Buyer's customers in the Rate G-1, Rate S-1, Rate S-2, Rate S-3, Rate S-5 and Rate S-20 retail rate classes (the "Commercial Rate Classes"), or such other rate classes as may be added from time to time in the SEMA Load Zone, NEMA Load Zone and WCMA Load Zone, as applicable during the Delivery Term, provided that such Commercial Rate Classes shall be comprised of customers previously in one of the Commercial Rate Classes or such customer would have qualified for one of the Commercial Rate Classes.

**Commission** means the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, or its successor.

**Commodity Business Day** means Monday through Friday, excluding NERC Holidays.

**Competitive Supplier Terms** means Mass. Electric's Model Terms and Conditions for Competitive Suppliers, M.D.T.E. No. 1063, as may be amended from time to time.

**Conclusion Date** means the period at HE 2400 EPT on the date set forth for each Customer Group in the Confirmation for the applicable Transaction.

**Confirmation** means a confirmation that is mutually agreed to and executed by the Parties, which may be in the form set forth in Appendix B or in a form otherwise agreed to by the Parties, such document to serve as a supplement or modification of this Master Power Agreement with respect to a specific Transaction.

**Confirmation Term** means, for the applicable Transaction, the period beginning as of the effective date set forth in a Confirmation and continuing through to the date both Parties have fulfilled all of their obligations with respect to such Transaction.

**Contract Rate** has the meaning set forth in the Confirmation for the applicable Transaction.

**Credit Rating** means, with respect to a Party (or its Credit Support Provider, as the case may be) or entity, on any date of determination, (1) the ratings assigned by Moody's, S&P and/or the other specified rating agency or agencies to such Party's (or its Credit Support Provider's, as the case may be) or entity's unsecured, senior, long-term debt not supported by third party credit enhancement, or (2) if the applicable entity does not have such a rating, then the rating assigned to such entity by Moody's and/or S&P as its corporate credit rating or issuer rating, or (3) if the applicable entity is a financial institution, its unsecured, unsubordinated, long-term deposits by Moody's, S&P and/or the other specified rating agency or agencies. In the event of an inconsistency in ratings by the rating agencies (a "split rating"), the lowest rating assigned shall control.

**Credit Support Annex or CSA** means the credit support annex mutually agreed to and executed by the Parties, in the form set forth as Appendix D hereto and incorporated by reference herein.

**Customer Disconnection Date** means the date when a Default Service Customer is disconnected from service, as determined by the Buyer in accordance with the Distribution Service Terms.

**Customer Group** means Buyer's customers who receive Default Service in the Commercial Customer Group, Industrial Customer Group and/or Residential Customer Group in each Load Zone corresponding to each of the foregoing customer groups as specified on the Confirmation for the applicable Transaction.

**Customer Termination Date** means the date when a Default Service Customer ceases to take service under the Default Service Tariff, each date as determined by the Buyer in accordance with the Distribution Service Terms.

**Daily Proxy Settlement Amount** means, for a given day, the product of (a) the Expected Daily Load and (b) the Proxy Price for such day minus the Bid Proxy Price.

**Default Service** means the provision of Requirements by Seller at the Delivery Point to the Buyer to meet all needs of Default Service Customers.

**Default Service Customer(s)** means, for a specific Transaction, the customers in each Customer Group set forth in the applicable Confirmation, taking service pursuant to the Default Service Tariff during the applicable Delivery Term.

**Default Service Tariff** means Mass. Electric's Tariff for Default Service, M.D.T.E. No. 1041, as may be amended from time to time and approved by the Department.

**Delivered Energy** means the quantity of energy, expressed in megawatt-hours, provided by Seller with respect to a specific Transaction. This quantity shall be the sum of the quantity of energy reported to the ISO by the Buyer for each of the Load Assets identified in a specific Transaction, with such quantity determined by the Buyer in accordance with Section 6.3 of this Master Power Agreement. Such quantity shall not include any allocation of PTF losses (which the ISO may assess to Seller in relation to such energy), but shall include transmission and distribution losses on the Buyer's System from the Delivery Point to the meters of Default Service Customers.

**Delivery Point** means, for each Load Asset (x) identified in or in accordance with a specific Transaction and (y) as set forth in the Confirmation related to a specific Transaction (i) the Nodes at which the Real-Time Load Obligations are established in the ISO Settlement Power System Model for the registered Load Assets representing the physical loads of Default Service Customers for the Delivery Term for such customers, identified by the Load Asset ("Loads With Nodes"), for any period and in any location in which there are Loads With Nodes and the ISO requires use of Nodes for Real-Time Load Obligations, or (ii) the Load Zones at which the Real-Time Load Obligations are established in the ISO Settlement Power System Model for the Load Assets representing the physical loads of Default Service Customers for the Delivery Term for such customers, identified by the Load Asset ("Loads with Zones") if (a) the ISO does not require use of Nodes for Real-Time Load Obligations and (b) the use of Loads with Zones in a calculation of ISO settlement charges and costs yields the same mathematical result as a calculation thereof using Loads with Nodes; or (iii) in the event of neither (i) nor (ii), Loads with Nodes and, in any location in which there are no Loads with Nodes, Loads with Zones.

**Delivery Term(s)** means the period(s) set forth in the Confirmation for a particular Transaction for the respective Default Service designations, beginning at the top of the HE 01:00 EPT on the Commencement Date (set forth in the applicable Confirmation) and continuing through and including the end of HE 24:00 EPT on the Conclusion Date.

**Department** means the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities (formerly known as the Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Energy) or its successor.

**Distribution Service Terms** means Mass. Electric's Terms and Conditions for Distribution Service, M.D.T.E. No. 997, as may be amended from time to time and approved by the Department.

**Effective Date** means the date that this Master Power Agreement is executed by all Parties.

**EPT** means Eastern Prevailing Time.

**Governing Documents** means, with respect to any particular entity, (a) if a corporation, the (i) articles of organization, articles of incorporation or certificate of incorporation and (ii) the bylaws; (b) if a general partnership, the partnership agreement and any statement of partnership; (c) if a limited partnership, the limited partnership agreement and the certificate of limited partnership; (d) if a limited liability company, the articles or certificate of organization or formation and operating agreement; (e) if another type of entity, any other charter or similar

document adopted or filed in connection with the creation, formation or organization of such entity; (f) all equity holders' agreements, voting agreements, voting trust agreements, joint venture agreements, registration rights agreements or other agreements or documents relating to the organization, management or operation of any entity or relating to the rights, duties and obligations of the equity holders of any entity; and (g) any amendment or supplement to any of the foregoing.

**Industrial Customer Group** means the Buyer's customers in the Rate G-2 and Rate G-3 retail rate classes (the "Industrial Rate Classes"), or such other rate classes as may be added from time to time in the SEMA Load Zone, NEMA Load Zone and WCMA Load Zone, as applicable during the Delivery Term, provided that such Industrial Rate Classes shall be comprised of customers previously in one of the Industrial Rate Classes or such customer would have qualified for one of the Industrial Rate Classes.

**Initiation Date** means the date a retail customer of the Buyer begins taking service pursuant to the Default Service Tariff as determined by the Buyer in accordance with the Distribution Service Terms.

**Interest Rate** means, for any date, the lesser of (a) the per annum rate of interest equal to the prime lending rate as may from time to time be published in *The Wall Street Journal* under "Money Rates" on such day (or if not published on such day, on the most recent preceding day on which published), plus two percent (2%) and (b) the maximum rate permitted by applicable law.

**Investment Grade** means (i) if any entity has a Credit Rating from both S&P and Moody's then, a Credit Rating from S&P equal to "BBB-" and a Credit Rating from Moody's equal to "Baa3"; or (ii) if an entity has a Credit Rating from only one of S&P and Moody's, then a Credit Rating from S&P equal to "BBB-" or a Credit Rating from Moody's equal to "Baa3 or (iii) if the Parties have mutually agreed in writing on an additional or alternative rating agency, then a credit rating equal to that mutually agreed to in writing by the Parties in each Party's sole and exclusive judgment.

**ISO** means ISO New England Inc., authorized by the Commission to exercise for New England the functions required pursuant to the Commission's Order No. 2000 (and its progeny) and the Commission's regulations, and any successor organization (including but not limited to a Regional Transmission Organization.).

**ISO Tariff** means the ISO New England Inc. Transmission, Markets and Services Tariff, FERC Electric Tariff No. 3, as amended, modified, superseded and supplemented from time to time, and including the Market Rules and Procedures.

**ISO New England Operating Documents** means the ISO Tariff and the ISO New England Operating Procedures, as amended, modified, superseded and supplemented from time to time.

**Locational Marginal Pricing** means as set forth in the Market Rules and Procedures.

**Market Rules and Procedures** means the Market Rules, Manuals and Procedures adopted by the ISO and/or NEPOOL, as may be amended from time to time, and as administered by the ISO to govern the operation of the NEPOOL markets.

**MA New Renewable Generation Certificate** means certain electronic NEPOOL-GIS Certificates produced by NEPOOL-GIS that identify generation attributes of each MWh accounted for in the NEPOOL-GIS from a new renewable generation unit, that represent and comply with New Renewable Generation Attributes and conform to the Eligibility Criteria set forth in applicable Massachusetts regulations, and shall represent title to and claim over all environmental attributes associated with the specified MWh of generation from the generation unit claiming New Renewable Generation Attributes.

**Material Adverse Effect** means, with respect to a Party, any change in or effect on such Party after the date of this Agreement that is materially adverse to the transactions contemplated hereby, excluding any change or effect resulting from (a) changes in the international, national, regional or local wholesale or retail markets for electric power; (b) changes in the international, national, regional or local markets for any fuel; (c) changes in the North American, national, regional or local electric transmission or distribution systems; and (d) any action or inaction by a governmental authority, but in any such case not affecting the Parties or the transactions contemplated hereby in any manner or degree significantly different from others in the industry as a whole.

**MECo Service Territory** means the geographic area in which Massachusetts Electric Company provides service to retail customers, including the service territory formerly served by Eastern Edison Company which has been merged with and into Massachusetts Electric Company.

**Moody's** means Moody's Investors Service, its successors and assigns.

**MWh** means Megawatt-hour.

**Nantucket Service Territory** means the geographic area served by Nantucket Electric Company.

**NEMA Load Zone** means the Northeast Massachusetts Reliability Region as defined in the NEPOOL Rules.

**NEPOOL-GIS** means the NEPOOL Generation Information System, which includes a generation information database and certificate system, operated by NEPOOL, its designee or successor entity, that accounts for generation attributes of electricity consumed within New England.

**NEPOOL-GIS Certificates** means a document produced by the NEPOOL-GIS that identifies the relevant generation attributes of each MWh accounted for in the NEPOOL-GIS from a generation unit.

**NEPOOL** means the New England Power Pool, or its successor.

**NEPOOL Agreement** means the Second Restated New England Power Pool Agreement dated as of February 1, 2005, as amended or accepted by the Commission and as may be amended, modified, superseded, supplemented and/or restated from time to time.

**NEPOOL Rules** means all rules adopted by NEPOOL or the ISO, as such rules may be amended, modified, supplemented or superseded and restated from time to time, including but not limited to, the NEPOOL Agreement, the ISO Tariff, the ISO New England Operating

Documents, the Transmission Operating Agreement, the Participants Agreement, the NEPOOL Manuals, and the NEPOOL Operating Procedures, as amended, superseded or restated from time to time.

**NERC** means the North American Electric Reliability Council.

**Net Worth** means total assets, exclusive of intangible assets, less total liabilities, as reflected on the most recent balance sheet prepared by a certified public accountant as part of a certified financial statement in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles consistently applied in the business sector of the Seller.

**New England Internal Hub Price** means for each day remaining in the current calendar month and each day in all future calendar months during the term of this Transaction : (A) the sum of (x) the product of the applicable On-Peak ISO New England Internal Hub Price times the number of On-Peak Hours in such day and (y) the product of the applicable Off-Peak New England Internal Hub Price times the number of Off-Peak hours in such day and (B) then divided by twenty four (24).

**New Renewable Generation Attributes** means as defined in Section 14.02 of the Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard.

**NYMEX** means the New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc., its successors and assigns.

**Off-Peak Hour** means any hour that is not an On-Peak Hour.

**Off-Peak ISO New England Internal Hub Price** means, in a given month, the ISO New England Off-Peak LMP Swap price as published by NYMEX on a Valuation Date and represented by the NYMEX trading symbol KI.

**On-Peak Hour** means Hour Ending (“HE”) 08:00 EPT through HE 23:00 EPT on any Commodity Business Day.

**On-Peak ISO New England Internal Hub Price** means, in a given month, the ISO New England Internal Hub Peak LMP Swap price as published by NYMEX on a Valuation Date and represented by the NYMEX trading symbol NI.

**Proxy Price** means, for a given day, the product of (a) the New England Internal Hub Price for such day, (b) the Resulting Bid Factor for a calendar month, and (c) the Adjustment Factor.

**PTF** means facilities categorized as Pool Transmission Facilities under the ISO Tariff.

**RPS Class I Renewable Generation Attributes** means as defined in Section 14.02 of the Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard – Class I.

**RPS Class I Renewable Generation Unit** means as defined in Section 14.02 of the Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard – Class I.

**Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard – Class I** means the regulations promulgated pursuant to M.G.L. c. 25A, § 11F that require all retail electricity suppliers to end-use customers in Massachusetts to provide a minimum percentage of electricity sales to contain New Renewable Generation Attributes, which are derived from certain renewable energy generating resources

beginning on January 1, 2009, as more explicitly provided for in 225 CMR 14.00, as such regulations may be amended from time to time.

**RPS Class II Renewable Generation Attributes** means as defined in Section 15.02 of the Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard – Class II.

**RPS Class II Renewable Generation Unit** means as defined in Section 15.02 of the Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard – Class II.

**RPS Class II Waste Energy Generation Unit** means as defined in Section 15.02 of the Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard – Class II.

**Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard – Class II** means the regulations promulgated pursuant to M.G.L. c. 25A, § 11F that require all retail electricity suppliers to end-use customers in Massachusetts to provide a minimum percentage of electricity sales to contain Renewable Generation Attributes, which are derived from certain renewable energy generating resources beginning on January 1, 2009, as more explicitly provided for in 225 CMR 15.00, as such regulations may be amended from time to time.

**Requirements** means all electric generation and/or market purchases and delivery, to the Delivery Point, of the electric capacity, energy, ancillary services, operating reserves (including forward reserves) and all other market products required by the Buyer to provide kilowatt-hours to meet the needs of Default Service Customers during the Delivery Term.

**Residential Customer Group** means the Buyer's customers in the Rate R-1, Rate R-2, Rate R-4 and Rate-E retail rate classes (the "Residential Rate Classes"), or such other rate classes as may be added from time to time in the SEMA Load Zone, NEMA Load Zone and WCMA Load Zone, as applicable during the Delivery Term, provided that such Residential Rate Classes shall be comprised of customers previously in one of the Residential Rate Classes or such customer would have qualified for one of the Residential Rate Classes.

**Resulting Bid Factor** means (A) the Contract Rate in a calendar month divided by (B) the Reference New England Internal Hub Price for the same calendar month.

**RPS Requirement** means the quantity of MA New Renewable Generation Certificates to be provided by Seller as set forth in the Confirmation for a specific Transaction, if any.

**SEMA Load Zone** means the Southeast Massachusetts Reliability Region as defined in the NEPOOL Rules.

**S&P** means Standard & Poor's Rating Group, its successors and assigns.

**Term** means as defined in Section 3.1.

**Transaction** means a particular transaction agreed to by Buyer and Seller relating to the purchase and sale of Default Service pursuant to this Agreement, as evidenced by the execution of a written Confirmation by Buyer and Seller setting forth the specific terms and conditions thereof.

**WCMA Load Zone** means the Western Central Massachusetts Reliability Region as defined in the NEPOOL Rules.

**ARTICLE 3.      TERM, SERVICE PROVISIONS AND REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS**

Section 3.1      Term

The term of this Master Power Agreement (the “Term”) shall commence on the Effective Date and shall continue in effect until the earlier of (i) its termination by any Party upon thirty (30) days’ prior written notice and (ii) its termination in accordance with Subsection 7.2(a); provided, however, that such termination shall not affect or excuse the performance of any Party under any provision of this Master Power Agreement that by its terms or operation survives any such termination and, provided further, that this Master Power Agreement and any other documents executed and delivered hereunder shall remain in effect with respect to the Transaction(s) entered into prior to the effective date of such termination until both Parties have fulfilled all of their obligations with respect to such Transaction(s). As of the termination of this Master Power Agreement, subject to the immediately foregoing sentence, and subject to any time limits specifically set forth in this Master Power Agreement or in a Confirmation, the Parties shall no longer be bound by the terms and provisions hereof, except (a) to the extent necessary to enforce the rights and obligations of the Parties arising under this Master Power Agreement before such expiration or termination or (b) that such terms and provisions expressly or by their operation survive the termination or expiration of this Master Power Agreement.

Section 3.2      Commencement of Supply

(a) Beginning as of the Commencement Date for each specific Customer Group in a specific Transaction, Seller shall provide Requirements to the Buyer. For purposes of certainty: Seller's obligations on the Commencement Date shall be to provide Requirements for all Default Service Customers identified in the related Confirmation taking service as of and including the Commencement Date.

(b) With respect to each person or entity that becomes a Default Service Customer subsequent to the applicable Commencement Date, Seller shall provide Requirements to the Buyer to meet the needs of the Default Service Customer(s) as of and including the Initiation Date for such customer initiating such service during the applicable Delivery Term.

(c) If Seller elects to receive electronic notification as provided in Section 3.7, the Buyer shall provide to Seller a notice of Initiation Date via electronic file transfer and in a format specified by the Buyer. Each notice of Initiation Date shall include the account number, the date Seller's service to the Buyer is to begin for a Default Service Customer and the customer's rate class.

Section 3.3      Termination and Conclusion of Supply

(a) With respect to each Default Service Customer that terminates Default Service during the applicable Delivery Term, Seller shall provide Requirements to the Buyer for such customer on the Customer Termination Date but shall not provide Requirements for such customer after the Customer Termination Date.



(b) If Seller elects to receive electronic notification as provided in Section 3.7, the Buyer shall provide to Seller a notice of Customer Termination Date via electronic file transfer and in a format specified by the Buyer. Each notice of Customer Termination Date shall include the account number, the Customer Termination Date and the customer's rate class.

(c) Seller's obligation to provide Requirements with respect to each specific Customer Group in a specific Transaction shall cease at the applicable Conclusion Date.

#### Section 3.4 Customer Disconnection Date

(a) With respect to each Default Service Customer whose Default Service is disconnected during the applicable Delivery Term, Seller shall provide Requirements to the Buyer for such customer on the Customer Disconnection Date but shall not provide Requirements for such customer after the Customer Disconnection Date.

(b) If Seller elects to receive electronic notification as provided in Section 3.7, The Buyer shall provide to Seller a notice of Customer Disconnection Date via electronic file transfer and in a format specified by the Buyer. Each notice of Customer Disconnection Date shall include the account number, the Customer Disconnection Date and the customer's rate class.

#### Section 3.5 Distribution Service Interruptions

Seller acknowledges that interruptions in distribution service occur and may reduce the load served hereunder. Seller further acknowledges and agrees that the Buyer may interrupt distribution service to customers consistent with the Distribution Service Terms and the Competitive Supplier Terms. In no event shall a Party have any liability or obligation to the other Party in respect of any such interruptions in distribution service.

#### Section 3.6 Release of Customer Information

The Buyer will not issue any customer information to Seller unless Seller has first obtained the necessary authorization in accordance with the provisions of the Competitive Supplier Terms.

#### Section 3.7 Electronic Notification

At Seller's election, the Buyer shall provide notices contemplated by Sections 3.2, 3.3 and 3.4 via electronic file transfer. Such election shall only be effective when Seller (i) establishes a Windows or Unix file server with capability of sending and receiving File Transfer Protocol ("FTP"), files with Pretty Good Privacy ("PGP"), Encryption/Decryption, and (ii) verifies its ability to transfer files to and receive files from the Buyer at least fourteen (14) days prior to the day on which Seller desires to commence electronic receipt.

#### Section 3.8 Change in Supply; No Prohibition on Programs

(a) Seller acknowledges and agrees that the number of customers and the Requirements to meet the needs of such customers will fluctuate throughout the Delivery Term and may equal zero. The Buyer shall not be liable to Seller for any losses Seller may incur, including but not limited to lost revenues, and losses that may result from any change in

Requirements, number or location of customers taking service, the location of the Delivery Point(s), the composition or components of market products or Requirements, or the market for electricity, or change in the Distribution Service Terms or the Default Service Tariff. Seller further acknowledges and agrees that there is no limit on the number of Customer Initiation Dates, Customer Termination Dates and Customer Disconnection Dates.

(b) Seller acknowledges and agrees that the Buyer has the right but not the obligation to continue, initiate, support or participate in any programs, promotions, or initiatives designed to or with the effect of encouraging customers to leave Default Service for any reason ("Programs"). Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to require notice to or approval of Seller in order for the Buyer to take any action in relation to Programs.

(c) Seller acknowledges and agrees that the Buyer and Affiliates of the Buyer will not provide Seller preferential access to or use of the Buyer's System and that Seller's sole and exclusive rights and remedies with regard to access to, use or availability of the Buyer's System, and the Buyer's or Affiliates of the Buyer's obligation to transmit electricity are those rights, remedies and obligations provided under the Distribution Service Terms or the NEPOOL Rules.

### Section 3.9 Uniform Disclosure Requirements

Seller shall provide the Buyer information pertaining to power plant emissions, fuel types, labor information and any other information required by the Buyer to comply with the uniform disclosure requirements contained in 220 CMR 11.00 and any other disclosure regulations which may be imposed upon the Buyer during the term of this Agreement, as such disclosure requirements apply to Default Service provided by Seller pursuant to this Agreement.

Seller shall utilize the NEPOOL-GIS to transfer Load Obligations or NEPOOL-GIS Certificates, as applicable, to the Buyer's certificate account in the number equal to the Delivered Energy for Default Service in a month during the term of a Transaction. Such Load Obligations or NEPOOL-GIS Certificates, as applicable, shall be delivered by Seller at least five (5) Business Days prior to the close of the applicable Trading Period. The Load Obligations or NEPOOL-GIS Certificates, as applicable, shall be delivered by Seller to an account within the NEPOOL-GIS designated by the Buyer.

### Section 3.10 Customer Bill Inserts

Seller may furnish the Buyer with a one page bill insert which the Buyer may include in the bill that the Buyer sends to each Default Service Customer in the Commercial Customer Group, the Industrial Customer Group or the Residential Customer Group as to which Seller is providing Requirements to the Buyer during the Delivery Term for such customer group. Bill inserts provided by Seller shall be included in only one monthly billing cycle during the Delivery Term. Such inserts shall be printed on 60# Mountie Matte paper, shall be three and one-quarter inches high by six and one-quarter inches wide in size and may be of any typeface except ITC Century and ITC Franklin Gothic.

Seller shall notify the Buyer at least sixty (60) days prior to the start of the monthly billing cycle in which Seller requests Buyer to include Seller's insert in Default Service Customer bills. A copy of the proposed bill insert is to be included with Seller's initial notification and must be reviewed by the Department before final printing. The Buyer will respond within seven (7) days if it can accommodate Seller's request. If space allows for

inclusion, but additional postage is required, the Buyer will provide an estimate of the cost of additional postage to be paid by Seller in order to include the insert in the requested monthly billing cycle, or will suggest an alternate start date. Subject to the foregoing, inserts may be included in any bill sent to a Default Service Customer in the Commercial Customer Group, the Industrial Customer Group or the Residential Customer Group taking service pursuant to the Default Service Tariff during the Delivery Term and in the monthly billing cycle selected by Seller. Inserts must be received by the Buyer at least ten (10) days prior to the start date of their inclusion in customer bills.

Bill inserts shall be sent to the following address in a package clearly marked "[Name of Customer Group & Seller] Bill Inserts - Requested Commencement Date of Mailing: [DATE]:"

Pitney Bowes  
Attn: Steve Roy  
25 International Drive  
Windsor, CT 06095

A single copy of each insert, along with the requested commencement date of mailing, shall also be sent to the following:

Director, Electric Supply and Distributed Generation  
National Grid  
100 East Old Country Road  
Hicksville, NY 11801

Manager, Supplier Services  
National Grid  
175 East Old Country Road  
Hicksville, NY 11801

The Buyer shall be responsible for including no more than the quantity of inserts provided to it by Seller. The Buyer shall not be responsible for returning to Seller unused inserts unless Seller has made prior arrangements for their return.

## **ARTICLE 4. SALE AND PURCHASE**

### **Section 4.1 Provision Delivery and Receipt**

With respect to each Transaction, Seller shall provide and deliver to the Delivery Point and the Buyer shall receive at the Delivery Point the percent of the Requirements applicable to each Customer Group during the Delivery Term, all as set forth in the Confirmation related to such Transaction.

### **Section 4.2 Responsibilities**

(a) The Buyer shall arrange with the ISO for transmission service over the PTF and non-PTF from and after the Delivery Point to the customers' meters. The Buyer shall be responsible for all transmission costs over the PTF and non-PTF from the Delivery Point to the meters of the Buyer's customers. Seller shall be responsible for all transmission and distribution costs associated with the delivery of Requirements to and including the Delivery Point except the transmission costs otherwise provided for in this paragraph.

(b) Seller shall be responsible for all decisions and data submissions associated with the Ownership Share of the Load Assets in ARTICLE 6, Section 6.4 including any bids into the

market system to manage these obligations.

(c) Seller shall be responsible for all present and future obligations, requirements, and costs associated with the Requirements and/or Seller's provision thereof, whether system wide or locational based, including, but not limited to, the real-time load obligations, capacity obligations and/or charges (including, but not limited to, installed capacity, unforced capacity, locational installed capacity, locational unforced capacity, forward capacity market obligations, forward capacity market transition payment obligations), regulation obligations and/or charges (including any regulation opportunity costs), operating reserve obligations and/or charges (including, but not limited to, (w) any real-time reserve charges, (x) any forward reserve charges, (y) any charges associated with reserve constraint penalty factors, and (z) net commitment period compensation ("NCPC") charges (other than monthly fixed-cost charges paid to resources pursuant to reliability agreements negotiated under Market Rule 1 Appendix A, Section III.A.6 and Exhibit 2), emergency energy charges, inadvertent energy revenue charges, ISO Schedule 1 charges (other than ISO Schedule 1 charges that are both (i) associated with the Buyer's Regional Network Service and (ii) allocated on the basis of Regional Network Load), ISO Schedule 2 charges, ISO Schedule 3 charges, day-ahead energy market charges, and real-time energy market charges at the nodes, if any, and if none, the zones representing the actual locations of the meters of the Default Service Customers, and any other requirements, market products, expenses and charges imposed by NEPOOL or the ISO, as they may be in effect from time to time related to the provision and/or delivery of Requirements to and including the Delivery Point. Except as otherwise specifically excluded in this paragraph, Seller's responsibility for costs and charges shall be without regard to the manner in which they are allocated by NEPOOL or the ISO.

(d) Seller shall be responsible for all costs and components thereof of any Locational Marginal Prices to provide Default Service (during the applicable Delivery Term), including its delivery to the Delivery Point. These components include the energy component, loss component, and congestion component.

(e) Seller shall be responsible for all congestion charges for delivery to the actual meters of Default Service Customers (during the applicable Delivery Term).

(f) Seller shall utilize the NEPOOL-GIS to transfer the quantity of MA New Renewable Generation Certificates equal to the RPS Requirement to the account within the NEPOOL-GIS designated by the Buyer. Seller may satisfy the Aggregate RPS Requirement at any time during the Delivery Term for a Confirmation provided such delivery occurs at least five (5) Business Days prior to the close of the applicable Trading Period associated with the Delivery Term; provided further, however, that the total number of MA New Renewable Generation Certificates shall not exceed the Aggregate RPS Requirement for a Transaction..

(g) Seller shall notify Buyer within one Business Day of receipt of notice of termination from the ISO or event of default or similar occurrence under the Market Participant Service Agreement.

## **ARTICLE 5. AMOUNT, BILLING and PAYMENT**

### **Section 5.1 Amount**

The amount payable by the Buyer to Seller shall be the sum of the amounts due under all applicable Transactions.

## Section 5.2 Billing and Payment

(a) On or before the tenth (10th) day of each month during the Term, Seller shall calculate the amount due and payable to Seller pursuant to Section 5.1 with respect to the preceding month (the "Calculation"). Seller shall provide the Calculation to the Buyer and such Calculation shall include sufficient detail for the Buyer to verify its formulation and computation. Calculations under this paragraph shall be subject to recalculation in accordance with Article 6 and shall be subject to adjustment (positive or negative) based upon such recalculation (a "Reconciliation Adjustment"). Seller shall promptly calculate the Reconciliation Adjustment upon receiving data described in Section 6.3 and shall include the adjustment, if any, in the next month's Invoice. A Reconciliation Adjustment based upon a change in the quantity for an earlier month shall be calculated using the applicable Contract Rate for the month in which the Delivered Energy was received.

(b) Seller shall submit to the Buyer an invoice with such Calculation as provided for in paragraph (a) of this Section (the "Invoice") and the respective amounts due under this Master Power Agreement not later than the tenth (10th) day of each month. The Buyer shall pay Seller the amount of the Invoice (including the Reconciliation Adjustment, if any, as a debit or credit) less any amounts disputed in accordance with Section 5.3, on or before the later of the twentieth (20<sup>th</sup>) day of the month or then (10) Business Days after receiving the Invoice (the "Due Date"). Except for amounts disputed in accordance with Section 5.3, if all or any part of the Invoice remains unpaid after the Due Date, interest shall accrue after but not including the Due Date and be payable to Seller on such unpaid amount at the Interest Rate in effect on the Due Date. The Due Date for a Reconciliation Adjustment shall be the Due Date of the Invoice in which it is included.

(c) Each Party shall notify the other Party upon becoming aware of an error in an Invoice, Calculation or Reconciliation Adjustment (whether the amount is paid or not) and Seller shall promptly issue a corrected Invoice. Overpayments shall be returned by the receiving Party upon request or deducted by the receiving Party from subsequent invoices, with interest accrued at the Interest Rate from the date of the receipt of the overpayment until the date paid or deducted.

## Section 5.3 Challenge to Invoices

Unless otherwise agreed: (i) either Party may challenge, in writing, the accuracy of Calculations, Invoices or Reconciliation Adjustments (or the data utilized in the forgoing ) no later than twenty-four (24) months after the Due Date of the Invoice in which the disputed information is contained; (ii) if a Party does not challenge the accuracy within such twenty-four (24) month period, such Invoice shall be binding upon that Party and shall not be subject to challenge. If an Invoice is paid and thereafter the payment or the Invoice on which the payment was based is disputed, upon notice of dispute, the Party receiving payment shall hold the amount in dispute in escrow for the benefit of the prevailing Party until the resolution of such dispute. If any amount in dispute is ultimately determined (under the terms herein) to be due to the other Party, it shall be paid or returned (as the case may be) to the other Party within three (3) Business Days of such determination along with interest accrued at the Interest Rate from the (i)

date due and owing in accordance with the Invoice until the date paid or (ii) if the amount was paid and is to be returned, from the date paid, until the date returned.

#### Section 5.4 Taxes, Fees and Levies

Seller shall be obligated to pay all present and future taxes, fees and levies (“Taxes”) which may be assessed by any entity upon the Seller's performance under this Agreement including but not limited to the purchase and sale of Requirements and MA New Renewable Generation Certificates to the Buyer, if any. Seller shall pay all Taxes with respect to the Requirements up to and at the Delivery Point, and the Buyer will pay all Taxes with respect to the Requirements after the Delivery Point. All Requirements, including electricity and other related market products delivered hereunder by Seller to the Buyer shall be sales for resale with the Buyer reselling such electricity and products.

#### Section 5.5 Netting and Setoff

Except for security provided pursuant to this Agreement (which shall not be considered for purposes of this Section 5.5) and unless otherwise specified in another agreement between the Parties, if the Parties are required to pay an amount on the same date each to the other under this Agreement or any other agreement between the Parties, or if any costs that are a Party's responsibility under this Agreement are incorrectly or inappropriately charged to the Party by the ISO, such amounts shall be netted, and the Party owing the greater aggregate amount shall pay to the other Party any difference between the amounts owed. Each Party reserves all rights, setoffs, counterclaims and other remedies and defenses (to the extent not expressly herein or therein waived or denied) that such Party has or to which such Party may be entitled arising from or out of this Agreement or the other agreement. Further, if the Buyer incurs any costs or charges that are the responsibility of Seller under this Agreement, such costs or charges may, at the Buyer's election, be netted against any amount due to Seller under this Agreement. All outstanding obligations to make payment under this Agreement or any other agreement between the Parties may be netted against each other, set off or recouped therefrom, or otherwise adjusted.

### **ARTICLE 6. QUALITY; LOSSES and QUANTITIES REQUIRED; DETERMINATION AND REPORTING OF HOURLY LOADS**

#### Section 6.1 Quality

All electricity shall be delivered to the Buyer in the form of three-phase sixty-hertz alternating current at the Delivery Point.

#### Section 6.2 Losses

Seller shall be responsible for all transmission and distribution losses and the costs related to such losses and associated with the Requirements, namely, losses from the Delivery Point to the meters of the Default Service Customers. Seller shall provide to the Buyer at the Delivery Point quantities of electricity and ancillary services, capacity and all other market products related thereto to cover such losses from the Delivery Point to the meters of Default Service Customers. The quantities required for this purpose in each hour of a billing period shall be determined in accordance with ISO's and the Buyer's procedures for loss determination.

### Section 6.3 Determination and Reporting of Hourly Loads

(a) The Buyer will estimate the Delivered Energy for Default Service provided by Seller pursuant to each Transaction based upon average load profiles developed for each of the Buyer's customer classes and the Buyer's actual total hourly load. The Buyer shall report to the ISO and Seller, the estimated Delivered Energy for each Transaction. The Buyer will normally report to the ISO and to Seller Seller's estimated Delivered Energy by 1:00 P.M EPT of the second following Business Day. Appendix A provides a general description of the estimation process that the Buyer will initially employ (the "Estimation Process"). The Buyer shall have the right but not the obligation, in its sole and exclusive judgment, to modify the Estimation Process from time to time, provided that any such modification is designed with the objective of improving the accuracy of the Estimation Process.

Each month, the Buyer shall reconcile the Buyer's estimate of the Delivered Energy for each Transaction based upon the Buyer's meter reads (such meter reads as provided for in the Distribution Service Terms). The reconciliation, including all losses, shall be the adjusted Delivered Energy. The Buyer will normally notify the ISO of any resulting adjustment (debit or credit) to Seller's account for the Load Assets (set forth in a specific Confirmation) no later than the last day of the third month following the billing month. Appendix A provides a general description of this reconciliation process, which process may be changed by the Buyer from time to time in its sole and exclusive discretion.

### Section 6.4 ISO Settlement Market System Implementation

As soon as possible after the execution of a Confirmation related to a specific Transaction and before the applicable Commencement Date, the Buyer shall assign to Seller, and Seller shall accept assignment of an Ownership Share for each Load Asset in such Confirmation. Such assignment shall be effective beginning on the applicable Commencement Date. Seller shall maintain such ownership until the Conclusion Date (or, if earlier, the termination date established in accordance with 7.2(a)). For Load Assets representing load in the Nantucket Service Territory, Seller shall also accept the transfer of Lead Load Asset Owner ("LLAO") and shall be the LLAO beginning on the applicable Commencement Date and shall remain the LLAO until the Conclusion Date (or, if earlier, the termination date established in accordance with 7.2(a)). Seller shall take any and all actions necessary to effectuate such assignment and, if applicable in accordance with the foregoing, transfer, including executing documents required by the ISO. Once Seller's provision of Default Service terminates (effective as of the minute after the Conclusion Date or, if earlier, the termination date established in accordance with 7.2(a)), the Buyer will terminate Seller's Ownership Shares and Lead Load Asset Ownership, as applicable, of the aforementioned Load Assets

The Buyer shall have the right to change the Load Asset designations from time to time, consistent with the definition and provision of Default Service. If and to the extent such designations change, the Buyer and Seller shall cooperate to timely put into effect the necessary ISO Settlement Market System contracts that may be necessary to implement the new designations and terminate the prior designations.

## **ARTICLE 7. DEFAULT AND TERMINATION**

## Section 7.1 Events of Default

(a) Any one or more of the following events shall constitute an "Event of Default" hereunder with respect to the Buyer:

(i) Failure of the Buyer

(A) in any material respect to comply with, observe or perform any covenant, warranty or obligation under this Agreement (but excluding events that are otherwise specifically covered in this Section as a separate Event of Default and except due to causes excused by Force Majeure or attributable to Seller's wrongful act or failure to act in breach of this Agreement); and

(B) After receipt of written notice from Seller such failure continues for a period of five (5) Business Days, or, if such failure cannot be reasonably cured within such five (5) Business Day period, such further period as shall reasonably be required to effect such cure (but in no event longer than thirty (30) days), provided that the Buyer (x) commences within such five (5) Business Day period to effect a cure and at all times thereafter proceeds diligently to complete the cure as quickly as possible and (y) provides to Seller written documentation of its efforts and plan to cure and estimated time for completion of the cure.

(b) Any one or more of the following events shall constitute an "Event of Default" hereunder with respect to Seller:

(i) Failure of Seller

(A) in any material respect to comply with, observe, or perform any covenant, warranty or obligation under this Agreement (but excluding events that are otherwise specifically covered in this Section as a separate Event of Default and except due to causes excused by Force Majeure or attributable to the Buyer's wrongful act or wrongful failure to act in breach of this Agreement); and

(B) after receipt of written notice from the Buyer such failure continues for a period of five (5) Business Days, or, if such failure cannot be reasonably cured within such five (5) Business Day period, such further period as shall reasonably be required to effect a cure (but in no event longer than thirty (30) days), provided that Seller (x) commences within such five (5) Business Day period to effect such cure and at all times thereafter proceeds diligently to complete the cure as quickly as possible and (y) provides to the Buyer written documentation of its efforts and plan to cure and estimated time for completion of the cure;

(ii) Failure of Seller to provide Requirements in accordance with Articles 3 and 4;

(iii) Failure of Seller to satisfy its obligation to provide security when due and in accordance with the CSA;

(c) Any one or more of the following events with respect to either Party shall constitute an "Event of Default" hereunder with respect to such Party:



- (i) The entry by a court having jurisdiction in the premises of (A) a decree or order for relief in respect of such Party in an involuntary case or proceeding under any applicable federal or state bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or other similar law, or (B) a decree or order adjudging such Party as bankrupt or insolvent, or approving as properly filed a petition seeking reorganization, arrangement, adjustment or composition of or in respect of such Party under any applicable federal or state law, or appointing a custodian, receiver, liquidator, assignee, trustee, sequestrator or other similar official of such Party or of any substantial part of its property, or ordering the winding up or liquidation of its affairs;
- (ii) The commencement by such Party of a voluntary case or proceeding, or any filing by a third party of an involuntary case or proceeding against a Party that is not dismissed within thirty (30) days of such third party's filing, under any applicable federal or state bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or other similar law, or of any other case or proceeding to be adjudicated as bankrupt or insolvent, or the consent by it to the entry of a decree or order for relief in respect of such Party in an involuntary case or proceeding under any applicable federal or state bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or other similar law or to the commencement of any bankruptcy or insolvency case or proceeding against it, or the filing by it of a petition or answer or consent seeking reorganization or relief under any applicable federal or state law, or the consent by it to the filing of such petition or to the appointment of or taking possession by a custodian, receiver, liquidator, assignee, trustee, sequestrator or other similar official of a Party or of any substantial part of its property, or the making by it of an assignment for the benefit of creditors, or the admission by it in writing of its inability to pay its debts generally as they become due, or the taking of corporate action by such Party in furtherance of any such action;
- (iii) Any representation or warranty made by a Party is or becomes false or misleading in any material respect.
- (iv) The failure of such Party to deliver or return Eligible Collateral as required under the CSA or the failure of such Party to pay Interest as required under the CSA and the continuation of such failure for two (2) Business Days after notice of that failure is given to that Party;
- (v) The violation by such Party of any other obligation or agreement with respect to Credit Support under the CSA and the continuation of such violation for five (5) Business Days after notice of that failure is given to that Party."

## Section 7.2 Remedies Upon Default

The Parties shall have the following remedies available to them with respect to the occurrence of an Event of Default with respect to the other Party hereunder:

(a) Upon the occurrence of an Event of Default, the non-defaulting Party shall have the right to (i) continue performance under this Agreement and exercise such rights and remedies as it may have at law, in equity or under this Agreement and seek remedies as may be necessary or desirable to enforce performance and observation of any obligations and covenants under this Agreement, so long as such rights and remedies are not duplicative of any other rights and remedies hereof, and do not otherwise enable the non-defaulting Party to obtain performance or payments in excess of the performance and payments to which it is otherwise entitled pursuant to this Agreement, or (ii) at its option, give such defaulting Party a written notice (a "Termination Notice") terminating this Agreement and all, but not less than all, Transactions. Upon a termination for an Event of Default under Section 7.1(a), (b) or (c)(iii), (c)(iv) or (c)(v) such termination shall be effective as of the date specified in the Termination Notice, which date shall be no earlier than the date such notice is effective and no later than thirty (30) days after the date of such notice is provided to the defaulting Party in accordance with Article 8. Upon a termination for a default or Event of Default under Section 7.1(c)(i) or (ii), such termination shall be effective as of the Event of Default, provided that the non-defaulting Party provides written notice to the defaulting Party in accordance with Article 8 within ten (10) Business Days of the Event of Default. If such notice is not given within (10) Business Days of the Event of Default, the non-defaulting Party shall be entitled to terminate this Agreement effective as of the date specified in the written notice termination. Any attempted cure by a defaulting Party after this Agreement has been terminated by the non-defaulting Party shall be void and of no effect. The Parties' obligations under this Agreement, in general and under this Section 7.2 in particular, are subject to the duty to mitigate damages as provided under common law. Termination of this Agreement shall in no way limit or restrict any Party's right to pursue any legal or equitable remedies available to it arising from an Event of Default.

(b) Seller expressly agrees that at any time after the occurrence of an Event of Default by Seller, or the delivery of a Termination Notice to Seller by the Buyer, the Buyer may exercise any rights it may have pursuant to the CSA.

(c) In the event of termination for an Event of Default as provided in Section 7.1, in addition to any amounts owed for performance (or failure to perform) hereunder prior to such termination, the non-defaulting Party may recover, without duplication, its direct damages resulting from such Event of Default; such damages shall include the positive (if any) present value of this Agreement to the non-defaulting Party for the portion of the Delivery Term remaining at the time of such termination, to be determined by reference to market prices, transaction costs and load reasonably projected for the remaining portion of the Delivery Term ("Termination Damages"). The Termination Damages shall include all reasonably incurred transaction costs and expenses that otherwise would not have been incurred by the non-defaulting Party. In determining its Termination Damages, the non-defaulting Party shall offset its losses and costs by any gains or savings realized by the non-defaulting Party as a result of the termination. Seller and Buyer agree that the foregoing provision is intended to reflect a mutually acceptable measure of damages for such Event of Default.

Payment of Termination Damages, if any, shall be made by the defaulting Party to the non-defaulting Party within five (5) days after calculation of such Termination Damages and receipt of a notice including such calculation of the amounts owed hereunder and a written statement showing in reasonable detail the calculation and a summary of the method used to determine such amounts. Upon the reasonable request of the defaulting Party, the non-defaulting Party shall provide reasonable documentation to verify the costs underlying the Termination Damages. If the defaulting Party disputes the non-defaulting Party's calculation of the

Termination Damages, in whole or in part, the defaulting Party shall, within five (5) days of receipt of the non-defaulting Party's calculation of the Termination Damages, provide to the non-defaulting Party a detailed written explanation of the basis for such dispute; provided, however, that, the defaulting Party shall first pay the Termination Damages, if any, to the non-defaulting Party in accordance with the preceding sentence, and the non-defaulting Party shall then deposit such disputed amount into an interest bearing bankruptcy-remote escrow account for the benefit of the prevailing Party and the dispute shall be resolved in accordance with Section 15.2.

(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the cure of any default or failure to comply with, observe or perform any covenant, warranty or obligation under this Agreement within the period provided therefor in this Article shall not release such defaulting Party from its obligations under Section 9.2 of this Agreement.

(e) Upon termination the Buyer shall, and upon the occurrence of an Event of Default by Seller, the Buyer shall have the right to, immediately notify the ISO that (i) the assignment from the Buyer to Seller of the Ownership Share has been terminated, (ii) the Load Asset(s) shall be removed from Seller's account and placed in the account of the Buyer and (iii) Seller consents to such action. In the event the Buyer so notifies the ISO, Seller shall immediately take any and all actions that may be required by the ISO to remove the Load Asset from Seller's account and place it in the account of the Buyer. If the Agreement and any Transactions have not been terminated, the Buyer, in its sole discretion with five (5) Business Days prior notice to Seller, may elect to assign the Ownership Share of the Load Asset(s) set forth in the associated Confirmation(s) to the account of Seller and Seller shall accept such assignment, consistent with the actions required by Section 6.4 of this Master Power Agreement.

#### Section 7.3 Forward Contract.

Each Party represents and warrants to the other that it is a "forward contract merchant" within the meaning of the United States Bankruptcy Code, that this Agreement is a "forward contract" within the meaning of the United States Bankruptcy Code, and that the remedies identified in this Agreement, including but not limited to those specified in Section 7, shall be "contractual rights" as provided for in 11 U.S.C. § 556 as that provision may be amended from time to time.

## **ARTICLE 8. NOTICES, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PARTIES**

### Section 8.1 Notices

Any notice, demand, or request required or authorized by this Agreement to be given by one Party to another Party shall be in writing. It shall either be sent by facsimile (with receipt confirmed by telephone and electronic transmittal receipt), courier, personally delivered (including overnight delivery service) or mailed, postage prepaid, to the representative of the other Party designated in accordance with this Article. Any such notice, demand, or request shall be deemed to be given (i) when sent by facsimile confirmed by telephone and electronic transmittal receipt, (ii) when actually received if delivered by courier or personal delivery (including overnight delivery service) or (iii) seven (7) days after deposit in the United States mail, if sent by first class mail return receipt requested.

Notices and other communications by Seller to the Buyer shall be addressed to:

Director, Electric Supply and Distributed Generation  
National Grid  
100 East Old Country Road  
Hicksville, NY 11801  
(516) 545-3282 (phone)  
(516) 545-3130 (fax)

and

Notices concerning Article 7 shall also be sent to:

General Counsel  
National Grid  
40 Sylvan Rd.  
Waltham, MA 02451-1120  
(781) 907-1000 (phone)  
(781) 907- 5701- (fax)

Notices and other communications by the Buyer to Seller shall be addressed to:

[Name]  
[Company]  
[Address]  
[City, State & Zip]  
[Phone]  
[FAX]

Any Party may change its representative or address for notices by written notice to the other Party; however such notice shall not be effective until it is received by the other Party.

**Section 8.2    Authority of Representative**

The Parties' representatives shall have full authority to act for their respective Party in all matters relating to the performance of this Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a Party's representative shall not have the authority to amend, modify, or waive any provision of this Agreement unless they are duly authorized officers of their respective entities and such amendment, modification or waiver is made in accordance with Article 17.

**ARTICLE 9.            LIABILITY; INDEMNIFICATION; RELATIONSHIP OF PARTIES**

**Section 9.1    Limitation on Consequential, Incidental and Indirect Damages**

EXCEPT AS EXPRESSLY PROVIDED IN SECTION 9.2, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMISSIBLE BY LAW, NEITHER THE BUYER NOR SELLER, NOR THEIR RESPECTIVE OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, PARENT OR AFFILIATES, SUCCESSOR OR ASSIGNS, OR THEIR RESPECTIVE OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AGENTS, OR EMPLOYEES, SUCCESSORS, OR ASSIGNS, SHALL BE

LIABLE TO THE OTHER PARTY OR ITS PARENT, SUBSIDIARIES, AFFILIATES, OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, SUCCESSORS OR ASSIGNS, FOR CLAIMS, SUITS, ACTIONS OR CAUSES OF ACTION FOR INCIDENTAL, INDIRECT, SPECIAL, PUNITIVE, MULTIPLE OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES (INCLUDING ATTORNEY'S FEES OR LITIGATION COSTS EXCEPT AS EXPRESSLY PROVIDED IN SECTION 15.2 AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LIMITATION THEREUNDER) CONNECTED WITH OR RESULTING FROM PERFORMANCE OR NON-PERFORMANCE OF THIS AGREEMENT, OR ANY ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN IN CONNECTION WITH OR RELATED TO THIS AGREEMENT, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION ANY SUCH DAMAGES WHICH ARE BASED UPON CAUSES OF ACTION FOR BREACH OF CONTRACT, TORT (INCLUDING NEGLIGENCE AND MISREPRESENTATION), BREACH OF WARRANTY, STRICT LIABILITY, STATUTE, OPERATION OF LAW, OR ANY OTHER THEORY OF RECOVERY. THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION SHALL APPLY REGARDLESS OF FAULT AND SHALL SURVIVE TERMINATION, CANCELLATION, SUSPENSION, COMPLETION OR EXPIRATION OF THIS AGREEMENT.

Section 9.2    Indemnification

(a)        Seller agrees to defend, indemnify and save the Buyer, its officers, directors, employees, agents, successors assigns, and Affiliates and their officers, directors, employees and agents harmless from and against any and all third-party claims, suits, actions or causes of action and any resulting losses, damages, charges, costs or expenses, (including reasonable attorneys' fees and court costs), arising from or in connection with any (a) breach of a representation or warranty or failure to perform any covenant or agreement in this Agreement by Seller, (b) any violation of applicable law, regulation or order by Seller, (c) any act or omission by Seller with respect to this Agreement, first arising, occurring or existing during the term of this Agreement, whether incurred by settlement or otherwise, and whether such claims or actions are threatened or filed prior to or after the termination of this Agreement, except to the extent caused by an act of gross negligence or willful misconduct by an officer, director, agent, employee, or Affiliate of the Buyer or its respective successors or assigns.

(b)        The Buyer agrees to defend, indemnify and save Seller, its officers, directors, employees, agents, successor, assigns, and Affiliates and their officers, directors, employees and agents harmless from and against any and all third-party claims, suits, actions or causes of action and any resulting losses, damages, charges, costs or expenses, (including reasonable attorneys' fees and court costs), arising from or in connection with any (a) breach of representation or warranty or failure to perform any covenant or agreement in this Agreement by said Buyer, (b) any violation of applicable law, regulation or order by Buyer, (c) any act or omission by the Buyer, with respect to this Agreement first arising, occurring or existing during the term of this Agreement, whether incurred by settlement or otherwise, and whether such claims or actions are threatened or filed prior to or after the termination of this Agreement, except to the extent caused by an act of gross negligence or willful misconduct by an officer, director, agent, employee or Affiliate of Seller or its respective successors or assigns.

(c)        If any Party intends to seek indemnification under this Section from the other Party with respect to any action or claim, the Party seeking indemnification shall give the other Party notice of such claim or action within thirty (30) days of the later of the commencement of, or actual knowledge of, such claim or action; provided, however, that in the event such notice is delivered more than thirty (30) days after the Party seeking indemnification knows of such claim

or action, the indemnifying Party shall be relieved of its indemnity hereunder only if and to the extent such indemnifying Party was actually prejudiced by such delay. The Party seeking indemnification shall have the right, at its sole cost and expense, to participate in the defense of any such claim or action. The Party seeking indemnification shall not compromise or settle any such claim or action without the prior consent of the other Party, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

### Section 9.3 Independent Contractor Status

Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as creating any relationship between the Buyer and Seller other than that of independent contractors for the sale and delivery of Requirements for Default Service.

## **ARTICLE 10. ASSIGNMENT**

### Section 10.1 General Prohibition Against Assignments

Except as provided in Section 10.2, neither Party shall assign, pledge or otherwise transfer this Agreement or any right or obligation under this Agreement without first obtaining the other Party's written consent, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

### Section 10.2 Exceptions to Prohibition Against Assignments

(a) Seller may, without the Buyer's prior written consent, collaterally assign this Agreement in connection with financing arrangements provided that any such collateral assignment that provides for the Buyer to direct payments to the collateral agent (i) shall be in writing, (ii) shall not be altered or amended without prior written notice to the Buyer from both Seller and the collateral agent, and (iii) provided that any payment made by the Buyer to the collateral agent shall discharge the Buyer's obligation as fully and to the same extent as if it had been made to the Seller. Seller must provide the Buyer at least ten (10) days advance written notice of collateral assignment and provide copies of any such assignment and relevant agreements or writings.

(b) The Buyer may assign all or a portion of its rights and obligations under this Agreement to any Affiliate of the Buyer without consent of Seller. Either Party may, upon written notice, assign its rights and obligations hereunder, or transfer such rights and obligations by operation of law, to any entity with which or into which such Party shall merge or consolidate or to which such Party shall transfer all or substantially all of its assets, provided that such other entity agrees to be bound by the terms hereof and provided further, that such other entity's creditworthiness is comparable to or higher than that of such Party at the time this Agreement was executed and such Party is not relieved of any obligation or liability hereunder as a result of such assignment

## **ARTICLE 11. SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS**

This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and shall be binding upon the Parties hereto and their respective successors and permitted assigns.

## **ARTICLE 12. FORCE MAJEURE**

(a) Force Majeure shall include but not be limited to acts of God, earthquakes, fires, floods, storms, strikes, labor disputes, riots, insurrections, acts of war (whether declared or otherwise), terrorism, acts of terrorism, acts of governmental, regulatory or judicial bodies, but if and only to the extent that such event or circumstance (i) directly affects the availability of the transmission or distribution facilities of the New England Transmission System, the Buyer or an Affiliate of the Buyer necessary to provide service to the Buyer's customers which are taking service pursuant to the Default Service Tariff and (ii) it is not within the reasonable control of, or the result of the negligence of, the claiming Party, and which, by the exercise of due diligence, the claiming Party is unable to overcome or avoid or cause to be avoided. Force Majeure shall not be based on (A) fluctuations in Default Service, (B) the cost to a Party to overcome or avoid, or cause to be avoided, the event or circumstance affecting such Party's performance or (C) events affecting the availability or cost of operating any generating facility.

(b) To the extent that either Party is prevented by Force Majeure from carrying out, in whole or in part, its obligations hereunder and (i) such Party gives notice and detail of the Force Majeure to the other Party as soon as practicable after the onset of the Force Majeure, including an estimate of its expected duration and the probable impact on the performance of its obligations hereunder; (ii) the suspension of performance is of no greater scope and of no longer duration than is required by the Force Majeure, and (iii) the Party claiming Force Majeure uses commercially reasonable efforts to remedy or remove the inability to perform caused by Force Majeure, then the affected Party shall be excused from the performance of its obligations prevented by Force Majeure. However, neither Party shall be required to pay for any obligation the performance of which is excused by Force Majeure. This paragraph shall not require the settlement of any strike, walkout, lockout or other labor dispute on terms which, in the sole judgment of the Party involved in the dispute are contrary to its interest. It is understood and agreed that the settlement of strikes, walkouts, lockouts or other labor disputes shall be entirely within the discretion of the Party involved in the dispute.

(c) No obligations of either Party which arose before the Force Majeure occurrence causing the suspension of performance shall be excused as a result of the event of Force Majeure.

(d) Prior to the resumption of performance suspended as a result of a Force Majeure occurrence, the Party claiming the Force Majeure shall give the other Party written notice of such resumption.

## **ARTICLE 13. WAIVERS**

No delay or omission in the exercise of any right under this Agreement shall impair any such right or shall be taken, construed or considered as a waiver or relinquishment thereof, but any such right may be exercised from time to time and as often as may be deemed expedient. The waiver of any single breach or default of any term or condition of this Agreement shall not be deemed to constitute the waiver of any other prior or subsequent breach or default of the Agreement or any other term or condition.

## **ARTICLE 14. LAWS AND REGULATIONS**

(a) This Agreement and all rights, obligations, and performances of the Parties hereunder, are subject to all applicable federal and state laws, and to all duly promulgated orders and other duly authorized action of governmental authorities having jurisdiction hereof.

(b) The rates, terms and conditions contained in this Agreement are not subject to change under Section 205 of the Federal Power Act as that section may be amended or superseded, absent the mutual written agreement of the Parties. Each Party irrevocably waives its rights, including its rights under §§ 205-206 of the Federal Power Act, unilaterally to seek or support a change in the rate(s), charges, classifications, terms or conditions of this Agreement or any other agreements entered into in connection with this Agreement. By this provision, each Party expressly waives its right to seek or support: (i) an order from the Commission finding that the market-based rate(s), charges, classifications, terms or conditions agreed to by the Parties in the Agreement are unjust and unreasonable; or (ii) any refund with respect thereto. Each Party agrees not to make or support such a filing or request, and that these covenants and waivers shall be binding notwithstanding any regulatory or market changes that may occur hereafter and (z) that it shall not challenge or support a challenge to the enforceability of the waiver in this Section (b).

(c) Absent the agreement of all Parties to a proposed change, the standard of review for changes to this Agreement proposed by a non-party or the Commission acting sua sponte shall be the "public interest" standard of review set forth in United Gas Pipe Line Co. v. Mobile Gas Service Corp., 350 U.S. 332 (1956) and Federal Power Commission v. Sierra Pacific Power Co., 350 U.S. 348 (1956) (the "Mobile-Sierra" doctrine).

(d) The Parties agree that, if and to the extent that the Commission adopts a final rule or order which requires that, in order to exclude application of the just and reasonable standard of review and to mandate application of the public interest standard of review under the Mobile-Sierra doctrine for a proposed change to this Agreement which is not agreed to by all Parties, the Parties must agree to language which varies from that set forth in Article 14(c) then, without further action of either Party, Article 14(c) will be deemed amended to incorporate the specific language required by such final rule or order as is necessary to have the public interest standard of review under the Mobile-Sierra doctrine apply to any proposed change to this Agreement to which all Parties do not agree.

(e) Nothing in this Article 14 is intended to modify any Party's right to enforce the terms of this Agreement as written.

## **ARTICLE 15. INTERPRETATION, DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

### **Section 15.1 Governing Law**

The Agreement shall be governed by and construed and performed in accordance with and the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, without giving effect to its conflict of laws principles.

### **Section 15.2 Dispute Resolution**



All disputes between the Buyer and Seller under this Agreement shall be referred, upon notice by one Party to the other Party, to a senior manager of Seller designated by Seller, and a senior manager of the Buyer designated by the Buyer, for resolution on an informal basis as promptly as practicable. In the event the designated senior managers are unable to resolve the dispute within ten (10) days of receipt of the notice, or such other period to which the Parties may jointly agree, such dispute shall be submitted to arbitration and resolved in accordance with the arbitration procedure set forth in this Section. The arbitration shall be conducted in Boston, Massachusetts before a single neutral arbitrator mutually agreed to and appointed by the Parties. If the Parties fail to agree upon a single arbitrator within ten (10) days of the referral of the dispute to arbitration, Seller and the Buyer shall each choose one arbitrator, who shall sit on a three-member arbitration panel. The two arbitrators so chosen shall within ten (10) days select a third arbitrator to act as chairman of the arbitration panel. In either case, the arbitrator(s) shall be knowledgeable and have at least two (2) years experience in electric utility matters, including wholesale power transactions and power market issues, and shall not have any current or past material business or financial relationships with either Party or a witness for either Party and shall not have a direct or indirect interest in any Party or the subject matter of the arbitration. If a panel of arbitrators, all of their decisions shall be by majority vote. The arbitrator(s) shall afford each of the Parties an opportunity to be heard and, except as otherwise provided herein, shall generally conduct the arbitration in accordance with the then-current arbitration rules of the CPR Institute for Dispute Resolution (formerly known as the Center for Public Resources), unless otherwise mutually agreed by the Parties. There shall be no formal discovery conducted in connection with the arbitration unless otherwise mutually agreed by the Parties; provided, however, that the Parties shall exchange witness lists and copies of any exhibits that they intend to utilize in their direct presentations at any hearing before the arbitrator(s) at least ten (10) days prior to such hearing, along with any other information or documents specifically requested by the arbitrator(s) prior to the hearing. Any offer made and the details of any negotiations to resolve the dispute shall not be admissible in the arbitration or otherwise. Unless otherwise agreed, the arbitrator(s) shall render a decision within ninety (90) days of his, her or their appointment and shall notify the Parties in writing of such decision and the reasons therefore, and shall make an award apportioning the payment of the costs and expenses of arbitration among the Parties; provided, however, that each Party shall bear the costs and expenses of its own attorneys, expert witnesses and consultants unless the arbitrator(s), based upon a determination of good cause, awards attorneys fees and legal and other costs to the prevailing Party. The arbitrator(s) shall be authorized only to interpret and apply the provisions of this Agreement and shall have no power to modify or change the Agreement in any manner. The decision of the arbitrator(s) shall be final and binding upon the Parties, and judgment on the award may be entered in any court having jurisdiction, subject expressly to Section 15.3. The decision of the arbitrator(s) may be appealed solely on the grounds that the conduct of the arbitrator(s), or the decision itself, violated the standards set forth in the Federal Arbitration Act and/or the Administrative Dispute Resolution Act. Nothing in this paragraph shall impair the ability of a Party to exercise any right or remedy it has under this Agreement, including those in Article 7. To the fullest extent permitted by law, any arbitration proceeding and the arbitrator's award shall be maintained in confidence by the Parties; provided, however, that either Party, or any of its Affiliates, may provide information regarding the arbitration without limitation to any regulatory agency requesting or requiring such information or to a court in a proceeding to confirm, appeal (as such appeal is limited hereby) or enforce the award; provided, further, that any such provision of information must include a request for confidential treatment.

### Section 15.3 Venue; Waiver of Jury Trial

Each Party hereto irrevocably (i) submits to the exclusive jurisdiction of the federal and state courts located in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; (ii) waives any objection which it may have to the laying of venue of any proceedings brought in any such court; and (iii) waives any claim that such proceedings have been brought in an inconvenient forum. EACH PARTY WAIVES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, ANY RIGHT IT MAY HAVE TO A TRIAL BY JURY IN RESPECT OF ANY SUIT, ACTION OR PROCEEDING RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT.

#### **ARTICLE 16. SEVERABILITY**

Any provision declared or rendered unlawful by any applicable court of law or regulatory agency or deemed unlawful because of a statutory change will not otherwise affect the remaining provisions and lawful obligations that arise under this Agreement. If any provision of this Agreement, or the application thereof to any Party or any circumstance, is invalid or unenforceable, (a) a suitable and equitable provision shall be substituted therefor in order to carry out, so far as may be valid and enforceable, the intent and purpose of such invalid or unenforceable provision, and (b) the remainder of this Agreement and the application of such provision or circumstances shall not be affected by such invalidity or unenforceability.

#### **ARTICLE 17. MODIFICATIONS**

No modification or amendment of this Agreement will be binding on any Party unless it is in writing and signed by both Parties.

#### **ARTICLE 18. ENTIRE AGREEMENT**

This Master Power Agreement, including the Appendices, any Confirmations relating to specific Transactions, the tariffs and agreements referred to herein or therein, embody the entire agreement and understanding of the Parties in respect of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement. There are no restrictions, promises, representations, warranties, covenants or undertakings, other than those expressly set forth or referred to herein or therein. It is expressly acknowledged and agreed that there are no restrictions, promises, representations, warranties, covenants or undertakings contained in any material provided or otherwise made available by the Seller or the Buyer to each other. This Agreement supersedes all prior agreements and understandings between the Parties with respect to the transactions contemplated hereby and specifically excludes written agreements executed by the Parties prior to the Effective Date.

#### **ARTICLE 19. COUNTERPARTS**

This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, and each executed counterpart shall have the same force and effect as an original instrument.

#### **ARTICLE 20. INTERPRETATION; CONSTRUCTION**

The article and section headings contained in this Agreement are solely for the purpose of reference, are not part of the agreement of the Parties and shall not in any way affect the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement. For purposes of this Agreement, the term "including" shall mean "including, without limitation". The Parties acknowledge that, each Party and its counsel have reviewed and or revised this Agreement and that any rule of construction to the effect that any ambiguities are to be resolved against the drafting Party shall not be employed in the interpretation of this Agreement, and it is the result of joint discussion and negotiation.

## **ARTICLE 21. REPRESENTATIONS; WARRANTIES AND COVENANTS**

Each Party represents to the other Parties, upon execution and continuing throughout the term of this Agreement, as follows:

(a) It is duly organized in the form of business entity set forth in the first paragraph of this Agreement, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of its state of its organization and has all requisite power and authority to carry on its business as is now being conducted, including all regulatory authorizations as necessary for it to legally perform its obligations hereunder.

(b) It has full power and authority to execute and deliver this Master Power Agreement and any and all Confirmations related to Transactions and to consummate and perform the transactions contemplated hereby. This Master Power Agreement has been, and any Confirmation will be, duly and validly executed and delivered by it, and, assuming that this Master Power Agreement, together with any and all Confirmations, constitutes a valid and binding agreement of the other Parties, constitute together its valid and binding agreement, enforceable against it in accordance with its terms, subject to bankruptcy, insolvency, fraudulent transfer, reorganization, moratorium and similar laws of general applicability relating to or affecting creditors' rights and to general equity principles.

(c) Such execution, delivery and performance do not violate or conflict with any law applicable to it, any provision of its constitutional documents, or the terms of any note, bond, mortgage, indenture, deed of trust, license, franchise, permit, concession, contract, lease or other instrument to which it is bound, any order or judgment of any court or other agency of government applicable to it or any of its assets or any contractual restriction binding on or affecting it or any of its assets.

(d) No declaration, filing with, notice to, or authorization, permit, consent or approval of any governmental authority is required for the execution and delivery of this Master Power Agreement or any and all Confirmations related to a Transaction by it or the performance by it of its obligations hereunder and thereunder, other than such declarations, filings, registrations, notices, authorizations, permits, consents or approvals which, if not obtained or made, will not, in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect.

(e) Neither the execution and delivery of this Master Power Agreement or any and all Confirmations by it, nor the performance by it of its obligations under this Master Power Agreement and any and all Confirmations related to Transactions, will or does (i) conflict with or result in any breach of any provision of its Governing Documents, (ii) result in a default (or give rise to any right of termination, cancellation or acceleration) under any of the terms, conditions or provisions of any note, bond, mortgage, indenture, license, agreement or other instrument or

obligation to which it or any of its subsidiaries is a party or by which it or any of its subsidiaries is bound, except for such defaults (or rights of termination, cancellation or acceleration) as to which requisite waivers or consents have been obtained or which, in the aggregate, would not have a Material Adverse Effect; or (iii) violate any order, writ, injunction, decree, statute, rule or regulation applicable to it, which violation would have a Material Adverse Effect.

(f) There are no claims, actions, proceedings or investigations pending or, to its knowledge, threatened against or relating to it before any governmental authority acting in an adjudicative capacity relating to the transactions contemplated hereby that could have a Material Adverse Effect. It is not subject to any outstanding judgment, rule, order, writ, injunction or decree of any court or governmental authority which, individually or in the aggregate, would create a Material Adverse Effect.

(g) There are no bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, receivership or other similar proceedings pending or being contemplated by it, or of its knowledge threatened against it.

(h) With respect to Seller, (i) it and the ISO have fully executed a Market Participant Service Agreement ("Seller's MPSA"), and it has been approved by the Commission in accordance with Subsection 7.1 of the MPSA with the ISO and (ii) the ISO has not filed with the Commission a notice of termination of Seller's MPSA.

(i) It is acting for its own account, has made its own independent decision to enter into this Master Power Agreement and any and all Confirmations related to a Transaction and as to whether this Master Power Agreement and any such Confirmation is appropriate or proper for it based upon its own judgment, is not relying upon the advice or recommendations of the other Party hereto, and is capable of assessing the merits of and understanding, and understands and accepts, the terms, conditions and risks of this Master Power Agreement and any such Confirmation or Transaction.

## **ARTICLE 22. CONSENTS AND APPROVALS**

The Parties shall cooperate so that each Party may take such actions as necessary and required for the other Party to effectuate and comply with this Agreement including to (i) promptly prepare and file all necessary documentation, (ii) effect all necessary applications, notices, petitions and filings and execute all agreements and documents, and (iii) use all commercially reasonable efforts to obtain all necessary consents, approvals and authorizations of all other entities, in the case of each of the foregoing clauses (i), (ii) and (iii), necessary or advisable to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement. The Buyer shall have the right to review and approve in advance all characterizations of the information relating to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement which appear in any filing, press release or public announcement made in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby.

## **ARTICLE 23. CONFIDENTIALITY**

Neither Seller nor the Buyer shall provide copies of or disclose the contents or terms of Section 5.2(b), Article 7 and Appendix C [BIDDERS: Insert additional sections] of the Master Power Agreement (the "Confidential Terms") to any third party without the prior written consent of the other Party; provided, however, that either Party may provide a copy of the Confidential Terms, in whole or in part to (1) any regulatory agency or governmental authority with

jurisdictional interest requesting and/or requiring such Confidential Terms, or in order to comply with any applicable law, regulation, or any exchange, control area or independent system operator rule or in connection with any court or regulatory proceeding, provided that in the case of a disclosure pursuant to the foregoing, such disclosure must include a request for confidential treatment of the Confidential Terms, and (2) an Affiliate if related to the Party's performance of its obligations hereunder, provided that such Affiliate agrees to treat the Confidential Terms as confidential in accordance with this clause.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have caused their duly authorized representatives to execute this Master Power Agreement on their behalf as of the date first above written.

MASSACHUSETTS ELECTRIC COMPANY

\_\_\_\_\_

Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

NANTUCKET ELECTRIC COMPANY

\_\_\_\_\_

Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

[COMPANY]

\_\_\_\_\_

Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

## **APPENDIX A**

### **ESTIMATION OF SELLER HOURLY LOADS**

#### **Overview**

Generating units operated by suppliers are dispatched by the power pool to meet the region's electrical requirements reliably, and at the lowest possible cost. As a result, a supplier's electricity production may not match the demand of its customers. In each hour some suppliers with low cost production units or that contract for the output of such units are net sellers of electricity to the pool, while other suppliers are purchasing power from the pool to meet the demand of their customers. To determine the extent to which suppliers are net buyers or sellers on an hourly basis, it is necessary to estimate the hourly aggregate demand for all of the customers served by each supplier. The Buyer will estimate Seller's Default Service load obligations within the Buyer's service territory and report the hourly results to the ISO on a daily basis.

The estimation process is a cost-effective approach to producing results that are reliable, unbiased and reasonably accurate. The hourly load estimates will be based on rate class load profiles, which will be developed from statistically designed samples. Each day, the class load shapes will be scaled to the population of customers served by each supplier. In cases where telemetered data on individual customers is available, it will be used in place of the estimated shapes. On a monthly basis, the estimates will be refined by incorporating actual usage data obtained from meter readings. In both processes, the sum of all suppliers' estimated loads will match the total load delivered into the distribution system. A description of the estimation process follows.

#### **Daily Estimation of Suppliers' Own Load**

The daily process estimates the hourly load for each supplier for the previous day. The following is an outline of this process:

- Select a proxy date from the previous year with characteristics which best match the day for which the hourly demand estimates are being produced. Extract class load shapes for the selected proxy date from the load research database.
- Scale the class load shapes appropriately for each individual customer based on the usage level of the customer relative to the class average usage level.
- Calculate a factor for each customer which reflects their relative usage level and includes an adjustment for losses ("load adjustment factor"). Aggregate the load adjustment factors across the customers served by each supplier in each class.
- Produce a preliminary estimate of each supplier's hourly loads by combining the proxy day class load shapes with the supplier's total load adjustment factors. Aggregate the loads across the classes for each supplier.

- Adjust the preliminary hourly supplier estimates so that their sum is equal to the Buyer's actual hourly metered loads (as metered at the point of delivery to the distribution system) by allocating any differences to suppliers in proportion to their estimated load.
- Adjust the hourly supplier estimates to include transmission losses within the Buyer's transmission system.
- Submit the hourly loads to the ISO.

After the Buyer has submitted the supplier hourly loads, the ISO will allocate PTF losses to the supplier's account during the settlement process.

### **Monthly Reconciliation Process**

The monthly process will improve the estimates of supplier loads by incorporating the most recent customer usage information, which will be available after the monthly meter readings are processed. The actual customer meter readings, as well as actual interval data for the largest customers, are used to re-estimate all of the days in the calendar month being reconciled. Updates to customers' account status and supplier assignments that may have been missed during the daily processing (due to timing) are included. The resulting hourly supplier load estimates for all the days in the month are reported and used by the ISO as the basis for the monthly resettlement.



**APPENDIX B  
MASTER POWER AGREEMENT  
FORM OF CONFIRMATION**

This Confirmation shall confirm the Transaction agreed to on, and effective as of the Confirmation Effective Date (as defined below) between **MASSACHUSETTS ELECTRIC COMPANY** (“MECo”), a Massachusetts corporation, **NANTUCKET ELECTRIC COMPANY** (“Nantucket”), a Massachusetts corporation (MECo and Nantucket together “Mass. Electric” or “Buyer”), and each shall be severally and not jointly liable hereunder) and [Company], a [what] (“Seller”) regarding the sale/purchase of Default Service specified herein under the terms and conditions under the Master Power Agreement, dated [ ] (the “Master Power Agreement”) between Buyer and Seller, as specified and modified herein. Terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Master Power Agreement.

**1. Confirmation Effective Date; Condition Precedent; Filing Obligation; Term**

- a) This Confirmation shall be binding on the Parties upon execution by all Parties (such date the “Confirmation Effective Date”). Promptly after execution by both Parties, Buyer shall submit this Confirmation to the Department in connection with the Department’s review of the results of Buyer’s solicitation for Default Service. The Parties performance of Sections 3.2 through 6.4 of the Master Power Agreement are subject to the occurrence, on or before the fifth Business Day after (but not including) the Buyer’s submission of the Confirmation to the Department (the “Fifth Day”), of either (a) approval by the Department of the results of Buyer’s solicitation for Default Service or (b) the Department taking no action on the Buyer’s request for approval of the results of its solicitation for Default Service. If the Department issues an order opening an investigation, disapproving or rejecting the results of Buyer’s solicitation for Default Service (including by way of an order using terms of similar effect to signify its disapproval or rejection of the Confirmation on or before the Fifth Day (a “Department Action”), then this Confirmation shall be null and void and of no further force and effect, and neither Party shall have any obligation whatsoever to the other Party, and such a voiding of the Confirmation and the Department Action shall not be a default or constitute an Event of Default by either Party.
- b) In the event that on or before the Fifth Day the Department approves the Confirmation conditioned upon the amendment of the Confirmation or the Master Power Agreement to incorporate a new term or amend an existing term, each Party shall independently determine whether it is willing to amend the identified agreement to incorporate the Department’s condition. (The date that the Department issues such order shall be the “Order Date”.) If either (a) a Party notifies the other Party(ies) (in accordance Section 8.1 of the Master Power Agreement) at any time prior to HE 1700 local prevailing time in Boston on the date that is three (3) Business Days after (but not including) the Order Date that it will not amend the Confirmation or Master Power Agreement (as applicable) to incorporate the Department’s condition or (b) the Parties have not executed such amendment on or before HE 1700 local prevailing time in Boston on the date that is three (3) Business Days after (but not including) the Order Date, this Confirmation shall be null and void and of no further force and effect and neither Party shall have any

obligation whatsoever to the other Party, and the provision of such notice shall not be a default or constitute an Event of Default.

- c) As of the expiration of this Confirmation or, if earlier, its termination, the Parties shall no longer be bound by the terms and provisions hereof, except (a) to the extent necessary to enforce the rights and obligations of the Parties arising under this Agreement before such expiration or termination and (b) the obligations of the Parties hereunder with respect to audit rights, remedies for default, damages claims, indemnification and defense of claims shall survive the termination or expiration of this Agreement to the full extent necessary for their enforcement and the protection of the Party in whose favor they run, subject to any time limits specifically set forth in this Confirmation.

## 2. Default Service Requirements Matrix

Award Block	Customer Group	Load Zone	Load Responsibility	Commencement Date	Conclusion Date
TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

## 3. Contract Rate - \$/MWh

Award Block	Customer Group	Load Zone	Month1	Month2	Month3	Month4	Month5	Month6
TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

## 4. Load Asset Designation within the ISO Settlement Market System

Award Block	Customer Group	Load Zone	Load Asset Number	Load Asset Name
TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

## 5. RPS and APS Requirement

RPS and APS Requirement shall mean, for each calendar month during the term of this Transaction, zero.

Or

For each calendar month during the term of this Transaction the sum of:

- i) The RPS Class I Requirement shall mean the product of (a) Delivered Energy in a calendar month and (b) the RPS Class I obligation of TBD PERCENT (X.X%), plus
- ii) The RPS Class II Renewable Generation Requirement shall mean the product of (a) Delivered Energy in a calendar month and (b) the RPS Class II Renewable Generation obligation of TBD PERCENT (X.X%),, plus
- iii) The RPS Class II Waste Energy Generation Requirement shall mean the product of (a) Delivered Energy in a calendar month and (b) the RPS Class II Waste Energy Generation obligation of TBD PERCENT (X.X%),, plus
- iv) The APS Requirement shall mean the product of (e) Delivered Energy in a calendar month and (f) the APS obligation of TBD PERCENT (X.X%).

[To be determined consistent with each Transaction]

## **6. Amount Payable**

The amount payable by the Buyer to Seller in a month shall be:

- (i) The product of (a) the Delivered Energy for Default Service to the Residential Customer Group in the NEMA Load Zone and (b) Residential Contract Rate for the NEMA Load Zone in the month plus,
- (ii) The product of (a) the Delivered Energy for Default Service to the Commercial Customer Group in the NEMA Load Zone and (b) Commercial Contract Rate for the NEMA Load Zone in the month plus,
- (iii) The product of (a) the Delivered Energy for Default Service to the Industrial Customer Group in the NEMA Load Zone and (b) Industrial Contract Rate for the NEMA Load Zone in the month plus,
- (iv) The product of (a) the Delivered Energy for Default Service to the Residential Customer Group in the SEMA Load Zone and (b) Residential Contract Rate for the SEMA Load Zone in the month plus,
- (v) The product of (a) the Delivered Energy for Default Service to the Commercial Customer Group in the SEMA Load Zone and (b) Commercial Contract Rate for the SEMA Load Zone in the month plus,
- (vi) The product of (a) the Delivered Energy for Default Service to the Industrial Customer Group in the SEMA Load Zone and (b) Industrial Contract Rate for the SEMA Load Zone in the month plus,
- (vii) The product of (a) the Delivered Energy for Default Service to the Residential Customer Group in the WCMA Load Zone and (b) Residential Contract Rate for the WCMA Load Zone in the month plus,
- (viii) The product of (a) the Delivered Energy for Default Service to the Commercial Customer Group in the WCMA Load Zone and (b) Commercial Contract Rate for the WCMA Load Zone in the month plus,
- (ix) The product of (a) the Delivered Energy for Default Service to the Industrial Customer Group in the WCMA Load Zone and (b) Industrial Contract Rate for the WCMA Load Zone in the month plus,
- (x) The product of (a) the number of RPS Class I Renewable Generation Certificates delivered in the month, not to exceed the Aggregate RPS Requirement and (b) the applicable Alternative Compliance Payment Rate plus,
- (xi) The product of (a) the number of RPS Class II Renewable Generation Certificates delivered in the month, not to exceed the Aggregate RPS Requirement and (b) the applicable Alternative Compliance Payment Rate plus,
- (xii) The product of (a) the number of RPS Class II Waste Energy Generation Certificates delivered in the month, not to exceed the Aggregate RPS Requirement and (b) the applicable Alternative Compliance Payment Rate plus,
- (xiii) The product of (a) the number of APS Generation Certificates delivered in the month, not to exceed the Aggregate APS Requirement and (b) the applicable Alternative Compliance Payment Rate less,
- (xiv) The product of (a) the RPS Class I Requirement and (b) the applicable Alternative Compliance Payment Rate, less
- (xv) . The product of (a) the RPS Class II Renewable Generation Requirement and (b) the applicable Alternative Compliance Payment Rate, less

- (xvi) The product of (a) the RPS Class II Waste Energy Generation Requirement and (b) the applicable Alternative Compliance Payment Rate, less
- (xvii) The product of (a) the APS Requirement and (b) the applicable Alternative Compliance Payment Rate.

[To be determined consistent with each Transaction]

## 7. Modifications to the Master Power Agreement

[To be determined for each Transaction]

## 8. Security

### 8.1 Calculation of Exposure

Exposure shall be calculated in accordance with Paragraph 3 of the CSA, subject to the conditions and definitions below.

**Seller Independent Amount** means the amount set forth below, and is required through the dates listed in the table:

Award Block	Customer Group	Load Zone	Amount of Security (USD)	Posting Required Through
TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

**Expected Daily Load** means the average daily load based upon 2 years of available actual loads for a given month, as specified in the following table:

Award Block	Customer Group	Load Zone	Month1	Month2	Month3	Month4	Month5	Month6
TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

**Adjustment Factor** is X.XX.

**Reference New England Internal Hub Price** means the prices as specified in the following table:

ISO New England Internal Hub Price	Month1	Month2	Month3	Month4	Month5	Month6
Off-Peak	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Peak	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Reference New England Internal Hub Price**	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

**\*\*The Reference New England Internal Hub price shall be calculated as ((Peak Price x Peak Hours in the Month) + (Off-Peak Price x Off-Peak Hours in the Month))/(Total Hours in the Month)), as applicable.**

## **8.2 Delivery of Collateral**

Within five (5) Business Days after the execution of this Confirmation, Seller shall provide Collateral in accordance with Paragraph 3(a) of the Credit Support Annex of the Master Power Agreement, and in any of the forms specified in Paragraph 6 of the Credit Support Annex of the Master Power Agreement.

## **9. Confidentiality**

Articles 2, 3 4, 5, 6 and 8 of this Confirmation are Confidential Terms within the meaning of Article 23 of the Master Power Agreement.

## **10. Ratification of the Terms and Conditions of the Agreement**

(a) Except as expressly amended or waived by this Confirmation, the terms, conditions, covenants, agreements, warranties and representations contained in the Master Power Agreement are in all respects ratified, confirmed and remade as of the date hereof and, except as amended or waived hereby, shall continue in full force and effect.

(b) Nothing in this Confirmation shall, or shall be construed to, alter or amend any other Confirmation.

## **11. Counterparts**

This Confirmation may be executed in counterparts, all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

This Confirmation constitutes part of and is subject to the terms and provisions of such Master Power Agreement.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have caused their duly authorized representatives to execute this Confirmation on their behalf as of the date first above written.

MASSACHUSETTS ELECTRIC COMPANY

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (print):\_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

NANTUCKET ELECTRIC COMPANY

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (print):\_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

[COMPANY]

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (print):\_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

## APPENDIX C FORM OF GUARANTY

### Guaranty

This Guaranty (this “Guaranty”), dated effective as of [\_\_\_], 20\_\_ (the “Effective Date”), is made and entered into by [\_\_\_\_\_] a [\_\_\_\_\_] corporation (“Guarantor”).

#### **WITNESSETH:**

WHEREAS, Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company (“the Buyer”) and [\_\_\_\_\_] a corporation organized under the laws of the State of [\_\_\_\_\_] (“Seller”) and a [\_\_\_\_\_] of Guarantor, have entered into that certain Confirmation, dated \_\_\_\_\_ (the “Confirmation”), under the Master Power Agreement, dated [\_\_\_\_\_] (collectively with the Confirmation, as the foregoing and the terms therein and the obligations and liabilities thereunder may from time to time and without notice to or consent of the Guarantor, and without impairing or releasing the obligations of the Guarantor, be amended, modified, revised, supplemented or waived by Buyer and Seller, the “Agreement”) and

WHEREAS, Guarantor will directly or indirectly benefit from the Agreement between Seller and the Buyer;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the Buyer entering into the Agreement, Guarantor hereby covenants and agrees as follows:

- 1) **GUARANTY.** Subject to the provisions hereof, Guarantor hereby irrevocably and unconditionally guarantees the full and faithful timely performance and payment when due of the obligations of Seller that are now due or may hereafter become due and payable to the Buyer under the Agreement (the “Obligations”). This Guaranty shall constitute a guarantee of performance and payment and not of collection. The liability of Guarantor under this Guaranty shall be specifically limited to performance and payments expressly required to be made under the Agreement (even if such payments are or are deemed to be damages) as well as costs of collection and enforcement of this Guaranty (including attorney’s fees) to the extent reasonably and actually incurred by the Buyer, but in no event shall Guarantor be subject hereunder to consequential, exemplary, equitable, loss of profits, punitive or tort damages, or, except to the extent specifically provided in the Agreement, any other damages.
- 2) **DEMANDS AND NOTICE.** Upon the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default or termination, as may be defined in the Agreement, if Seller fails or refuses to perform or pay any Obligations and the Buyer elects to exercise its rights under this Guaranty, the Buyer shall make a demand upon Guarantor (hereinafter referred to as a “Demand”). A Demand shall be in writing and shall reasonably and briefly specify in what manner and what amount Seller has failed to perform or pay and an explanation of why such performance or payment is due, with a specific statement that the Buyer is calling upon Guarantor to perform and/or pay under this Guaranty. A Demand satisfying the foregoing requirements shall be required with respect to Obligations before Guarantor is required to perform or pay (free of any deductions or withholdings) such Obligations hereunder and shall be deemed sufficient notice to Guarantor that it must perform the Obligations within two (2) Business Days, or pay the Obligations within five (5) Business Days, after its receipt

of the Demand. A single written Demand shall be effective as to any specific default during the continuance of such default, until Seller or Guarantor has cured such default, and additional written demands concerning such default shall not be required until such default is cured. As used herein, the term "Business Day" shall mean a day on which commercial banks or financial institutions are open for business in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

3) REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES. Guarantor represents and warrants that:

- (a) it is a corporation duly organized and validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of [ ] and has the corporate power and authority to execute, deliver and carry out the terms and provisions of the Guaranty;
- (b) the execution, delivery and performance of this Guaranty and each transaction contemplated by this Guaranty, do not and will not (with or without the lapse of time, the giving of notice or both, contravene, conflict with or result in a breach of or default under any provision of its constitution or any writ, order, judgment, law, rule or regulation to which it is a party or is subject or by which it is bound; and
- (c) no authorization, approval, consent or order of, or registration or filing with, any court or other governmental body having jurisdiction over Guarantor is required on the part of Guarantor for the execution and delivery of this Guaranty; and
- (d) this Guaranty, when executed and delivered, will constitute a valid and legally binding agreement of Guarantor, except as the enforceability of this Guaranty may be limited by the effect of any applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally and by general principles of equity.

4) SETOFFS AND COUNTERCLAIMS. Without limiting Guarantor's own defenses and rights hereunder, Guarantor reserves to itself all rights, setoffs, counterclaims and other defenses to which Seller or any other affiliate of Guarantor is or may be entitled to arising from or out of the Agreement or otherwise, except for defenses arising out of the bankruptcy, insolvency, dissolution or liquidation of Seller, the lack of power or authority of Seller to enter into, amend and/or perform the Agreement, or waiver or consent with respect to any provision thereof, or a claim as to the Agreement's validity regularity or enforceability, or any similar circumstance which might otherwise constitute a legal or equitable discharge or defense of a guarantor generally.

5) AMENDMENT OF GUARANTY. No term or provision of this Guaranty shall be amended, modified, altered, waived or supplemented except in a writing signed by Guarantor and the Buyer.

6) WAIVER; TERMINATION. Except as required in Section 2 above, Guarantor hereby waives (a) notice of acceptance of this Guaranty; (b) presentment, demand and notice of dishonor concerning the liabilities of Guarantor; and (c) any right to require that any action or proceeding be brought against Seller or any other person, or to require that the Buyer exhaust its remedies against Seller or seek enforcement of any performance against Seller or any other person, or against any collateral pledged by Seller or any other person liable for payment or performance of the Obligations, prior to any action against Guarantor under the terms hereof. Buyer shall not be obligated



to file any claim relating to the Obligations in the event that Seller becomes subject to a bankruptcy, reorganization or similar proceeding, and the failure of the Buyer to so file shall not affect the Guarantor's obligations hereunder.

Except as to applicable statutes of limitation, no delay of the Buyer in the exercise of, or failure to exercise, any rights hereunder shall operate as a waiver of such rights, a waiver of any other rights or a release of Guarantor from any obligations hereunder.

Guarantor consents to the renewal, compromise, extension, acceleration or other changes including in the time of payment of and other changes in the terms of the Obligations, or any part thereof and amendments thereto, or any changes and modifications to the terms of the Agreement or waivers there under.

Guarantor shall not be discharged or released from its obligations hereunder by any proceeding, voluntary or involuntary, involving the bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership, reorganization, liquidation or arrangement of Seller or by any defense which Seller may have by reason of the order, decree or decision of any court or administrative body resulting from any such proceeding. Guarantor agrees that this Guaranty shall continue to be effective or shall be reinstated, as the case may be, if all or any part of any payment made hereunder is at any time avoided or rescinded or must otherwise be restored or repaid by the Buyer as a result of the bankruptcy of Seller, or otherwise, all as though such payments had not been made.

This Guaranty and the Guarantor's obligations hereunder shall remain in effect for the term of the Agreement.

NOTICE. Any Demand, notice, request, instruction, correspondence or other document to be given hereunder by any party to another (herein collectively called "Notice") shall be in writing and delivered personally or mailed by certified mail, postage prepaid and return receipt requested, or by telegram or facsimile, as follows:

To the Buyer:

Director, Electric Supply and  
Distributed Generation  
National Grid  
100 East Old Country Road  
Hicksville, NY 11801

Fax No.: (516) 545-3130  
Phone No.: (516) 545-3282

To Guarantor:

Fax No.:  
Phone No.:

Notice given by personal delivery or mail shall be effective upon actual receipt. Notice given by telegram shall be effective upon actual receipt if received during the recipient's normal business hours, or at the beginning of the recipient's next business day after receipt if not received during the recipient's normal business hours. Notice given by facsimile shall be effective upon (i) actual receipt if received during the recipient's normal business hours, or at the beginning of the recipient's next business day after receipt if not received during the recipient's normal business hours and (ii) confirmation of receipt by telephone. All Notices by telegram or facsimile shall be confirmed promptly after transmission in writing by certified mail or personal delivery. Any party may change any address to which Notice is to be given to it by giving notice in accordance with the requirements of this Section.

MISCELLANEOUS. This Guaranty shall in all respects be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the law of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, without regard to principles of conflicts of laws.

This Guaranty shall be binding upon Guarantor and its successors and permitted assigns and inure to the benefit of and be enforceable by the Buyer and its successors and permitted assigns. The Guarantor may not assign this Guaranty in part or in whole without the prior written consent of the Buyer. The Buyer may not assign its rights or benefits under this Guaranty in part or in whole except (i) with the prior written consent of the Guarantor, or (ii) pursuant to a permitted assignment of Agreement ("Assigned Agreement"), in which case the assignee will succeed to the rights of the Buyer hereunder arising after the date of such assignment. Neither the Guarantor nor the Buyer will unreasonably withhold or delay consent to assignment.

This Guaranty embodies the entire agreement and understanding between Guarantor and the Buyer and supersedes all prior agreements and understandings relating to the subject matter hereof. The headings in this Guaranty are for purposes of reference only, and shall not affect the meaning hereof.

Time is of the essence of this Guaranty. The remedies provided to the Buyer in this Guaranty are cumulative and not exclusive of any other remedies provided by law.

Words importing the singular number hereunder shall include the plural number and vice versa and any pronouns used herein shall be deemed to cover all genders. The term "person" as used herein means any individual, corporation, partnership, joint venture, association, joint-stock company, trust, unincorporated association, or government (or any agency or political subdivision thereof).

Wherever possible, any provision in this Guaranty which is prohibited or unenforceable in any jurisdiction shall, as to such jurisdiction, be ineffective only to the extent of such prohibition or unenforceability without invalidating the remaining provisions hereof, and any such prohibition or unenforceability in any one jurisdiction shall not invalidate or render unenforceable such provision in any other jurisdiction.

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**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Guarantor has executed this Guaranty on \_\_\_\_\_,  
20\_\_, but it is effective as of the Effective Date.**

[GUARANTOR]

\_\_\_\_\_

Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

## **APPENDIX D**

### **CREDIT SUPPORT ANNEX (MA Default Service)**

This Credit Support Annex to the Master Power Agreement (the “CSA”) is made and entered into by and between Buyer and Seller, as those terms are defined in the Master Power Agreement.

All provisions contained or incorporated by reference in the Master Power Agreement will govern this CSA except as expressly modified herein. Any terms capitalized, but not defined herein shall have the meaning given to them in the Master Power Agreement.

#### **Paragraph 1. Definitions.**

As Used in this CSA, the following terms have the meanings specified below:

“**Cash**” means U.S. dollars held by or on behalf of a Party as Posted Collateral hereunder.

“**Collateral Account**” shall have the meaning specified in Paragraph 6(a)(iii)(B).

“**Collateral Interest Rate**” means the daily effective federal funds rate as published in the applicable statistical release designated as H.12(510), or any successor publication by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. If such rate is expressed as a range, the Collateral Interest Rate shall equal the arithmetic average of such range.

“**Collateral Threshold**” shall have the meaning specified in Paragraph 3(c)(i).

“**Custodian**” shall have the meaning specified in Paragraph 6(a)(i).

“**Delivery Amount**” shall have the meaning specified in Paragraph 4.

“**Disputing Party**” shall have the meaning specified in Paragraph 7.

“**Eligible Collateral**” shall have the meaning specified in Paragraph 3(c)(iii).

“**Exposure**” shall have the meaning specified in Paragraph 3(b).

“**Interest Amount**” means with respect to a Party and an Interest Period, the sum of the daily interest amounts for all days in such Interest Period; each daily interest amount to be determined by such Party as follows: (a) the amount of Cash held by such Party on that day (but excluding any interest previously earned on such Cash); *multiplied by* (b) the Collateral Interest Rate for that day; *divided by* (c) 360

“**Interest Period**” means the period from (and including) the last Business Day on which an Interest Amount was Transferred by a Party (or if no Interest Amount has yet been Transferred by such Party, the Business Day on which Cash was Transferred to such Party) to (but excluding) the Business Day on which the current Interest Amount is to be Transferred.

“**Invoiced Amounts**” shall have the meaning specified in Paragraph 3(b)(i)

“**Letter of Credit**” shall mean an irrevocable, non-transferable, standby letter of credit, issued by a Qualified Institution utilizing a form acceptable to the party in whose favor the letter of credit is issued. All costs relating to any Letter of Credit shall be for the account of the Pledgor.

“**Letter of Credit Default**” shall mean with respect to an outstanding Letter of Credit, the occurrence of any of the following events (a) the issuer of such Letter of Credit shall fail to be a Qualified Institution (as defined below); (b) the issuer of the Letter of Credit shall fail to comply with or perform its obligations under such Letter of Credit if such failure shall be continuing

after the lapse of any applicable grace period; (c) the issuer of the Letter of Credit shall disaffirm, disclaim, repudiate or reject, in whole or in part, or challenge the validity of, such Letter of Credit; or (d) the Letter of Credit shall expire or terminate or have a Value of zero at any time the Pledgor is required to Transfer Eligible Credit Support pursuant to Paragraph 4 below and the Pledgor has not Transferred replacement Eligible Credit Support; provided, however, that no Letter of Credit Default shall occur in any event with respect to a Letter of Credit after the time such Letter of Credit is required to be cancelled or returned to the Pledgor in accordance with the terms of this CSA.

**“Notification Time”** shall mean 1:00 p.m. EPT on a Business Day.

**“Obligations”** shall have the meaning specified Paragraph 2.

**“Pledgor”** means either party, when that party (i) receives a demand for or is required to Transfer Eligible Collateral or (ii) has Transferred Eligible Collateral under this CSA.

**“Posted Collateral”** means all Eligible Collateral and all proceeds thereof that have been Transferred to or received by the Secured Party under this CSA and not Transferred to the Pledgor or released by the Secured Party. Any interest amount or portion thereof not Transferred will constitute Posted Collateral in the form of Cash.

**“Potential Event of Default”** means any event which, with the giving of notice or the lapse of time or both, would constitute an Event of Default.

**“Qualified Institution”** means a major U.S. commercial bank or trust company, a foreign bank with a U.S. branch office or financial institution, in any case, organized under the laws of the United States or a political subdivision thereof having assets of at least \$10 billion and Credit Ratings of at least “A3” from Moody’s and “A-” from S&P.

**“Return Amount”** shall have the meaning specified in Paragraph 5.

**“Reference Market-Maker”** means a leading dealer in the relevant market that is selected in a commercially reasonable manner and is not an affiliate of either party.

**“Request Date”** shall have the meaning specified in Paragraph 7.

**“Requesting Party”** shall have the meaning specified in Paragraph 7.

**“Rounding Amount”** shall have the meaning specified Paragraph 3(c)(ii).

**“Secured Party”** means either party, when that party (i) makes a demand for or is entitled to receive Eligible Collateral or (ii) holds or is deemed to hold Posted Collateral under this CSA.

**“Seller’s Credit Support Provider”** means, \_\_\_\_\_

**“Seller’s Independent Amount”** means none, unless otherwise specified in the applicable Confirmation.

**“Substitute Eligible Collateral”** shall have the meaning specified in Paragraph 6(f).

**“Transfer”** means, with respect to any Posted Collateral or Interest Amount, and in accordance with the instructions of the Party entitled thereto:

- (a) in the case of Cash, payment or transfer by wire transfer into one or more bank accounts specified by Buyer; and
- (b) in the case of Letters of Credit, delivery of the Letter of Credit or an amendment thereto to Buyer.

**“Valuation Agent”** means the Requesting Party; provided, however, that that in all cases, if an

Event of Default or Potential Event of Default has occurred and is continuing with respect to the party designated as the Valuation Agent, then in such case, and for so long as the Event of Default or Potential Event of Default continues, the other party shall be the Valuation Agent.

**“Valuation Date”** means each Business Day.

**“Valuation Percentage”** shall have the meaning specified in Paragraph 3(c)(iii).

**“Valuation Time”** means the close of business on the Business Day before the Valuation Date or date of calculation, as applicable.

**“Value”** means, with respect to Posted Collateral or Eligible Collateral, means the Valuation Percentage multiplied by the amount then available under the Letter of Credit to be unconditionally drawn by the Secured Party.

**Paragraph 2. Encumbrance: Grant of Security Interest.** Each party hereby pledges to the other Party as security for all outstanding Transactions and any other documents, instruments or agreements executed in connection therewith (collectively, the **“Obligations”**), and grants to the other Party a first priority continuing security interest, lien on, and right of set-off against all Collateral delivered to or received by such Party (the **“Secured Party”**) hereunder. Upon the return by the Secured Party to the other Party (such Party, the **“Pledgor”**) of posted Collateral, the security interest and lien granted hereunder on that posted Collateral will be released immediately and, to the extent possible, without further action by either Party.

**Paragraph 3. Calculations of Collateral Requirement.**

(a) **Collateral Requirement.** The “Collateral Requirement” for Seller means the Exposure, *minus the sum of*:

- (i) Seller’s Collateral Threshold;
- (ii) Seller’s Independent Amount, if any, as defined in the Confirmation;
- (iii) the amount of Cash previously Transferred to Buyer, and the amount of Cash held by Buyer as Posted Collateral as the result of drawing under any Letter of Credit; and
- (iv) the Value of each Letter of Credit maintained by Seller for the benefit of Buyer;

provided, however, that the Collateral Requirement of Seller will be deemed to be zero (0) whenever the calculation of Exposure yields a number less than zero (0).

(b) **Calculation of Exposure.** On any Valuation Date, the **“Exposure”** shall be calculated as *the sum of*:

- (i) all amounts that have been invoiced, but not yet paid for the Transaction under each Confirmation (**“Invoiced Amounts”**). Such amount shall be a positive number if owed by Seller to Buyer and a negative amount if owed from Buyer to Seller;
- (ii) all amounts that have been accrued, but not yet invoiced for the Transaction under each confirmation (**“Accrued Amounts”**). Such amount shall be a positive number if owed by Seller to Buyer and a negative amount if owed from Buyer to Seller; and

(iii) the Daily Proxy Settlement Amounts for each day remaining in the current Calculation Period and all future Calculation Periods for Each Transaction (“**Proxy Settlement Amount**”);

(c) **Seller’s Collateral Threshold.**

(i) “**Seller’s Collateral Threshold**” means, the amount set forth below opposite the lowest Credit Rating for Seller on the Valuation Date, *provided*, however, that the Threshold for Seller shall be zero (“0”) if on the Valuation Date, Seller does not have a Credit Rating from S&P or Moody’s or an Event of Default or a Potential Event of Default with respect to Seller has occurred and is continuing.

Or

(i) “**Seller’s Collateral Threshold**” means, the amount set forth below opposite the lowest Credit Rating for Seller on the Valuation Date; *provided*, however, if Seller has provided a guaranty from its Credit Support Provider (substantially in the form set forth in Appendix C of this Master Power Agreement), then Seller’s Threshold shall correspond to the lesser of (1) the amount of such guaranty and (2) the amount set forth below opposite the lowest Credit Rating for Seller’s Credit Support Provider on the Valuation Date; and *provided*, further, the Threshold for Seller shall be zero if on the Valuation Date, (i) Seller or its Credit Support Provider (if Seller has provided a guaranty) does not have a Credit Rating from S&P or Moody’s, (ii) an Event of Default or Potential Event of Default with respect to Seller or its Credit Support Provider has occurred and is continuing or (iii) the guaranty, if any, provided by Seller fails to be in full force and effect unless Seller is relying on its own Credit Rating to establish its Threshold pursuant to the table below.

<u>Seller’s Collateral Threshold</u>	<u>Moody’s Credit Rating</u>	<u>S&amp;P Credit Rating</u>
\$	A3 or above	A- or above
\$	Baa1 or Baa2	BBB+ or BBB
\$0	Baa3 or below	BBB- or below

(ii) **Rounding.** The Delivery Amount, as defined below, will be rounded up, and the Return Amount, as defined below, will be rounded down, in each case to the nearest integral multiple of \$100,000 (“**Rounding Amount**”).

(iii) The following items will qualify as “**Eligible Collateral**” for the Party specified:

	<u>Seller</u>	<u>“Valuation Percentage”</u>
(A) Cash	[X]	100%
(B) Letters of	[X]	100% unless either (i) a Letter of

Credit

Credit Default shall have occurred and be continuing with respect to such Letter of Credit, or (ii) twenty (20) or fewer Business Days remain prior to the expiration of such Letter of Credit, in which cases the Valuation Percentage shall be zero (0).

- (d) **Valuation Agent/Valuation Time.** All calculations with respect to Collateral shall be made by the Valuation Agent as of the Valuation Time on the Valuation Date.

**Paragraph 4. Delivery of Collateral.** On any Business Day during the remaining term hereof on which (a) no Event of Default has occurred and is continuing with respect to Buyer, (b) no Termination date has occurred or has been designated as a result of an Event of Default with respect to Buyer for which there exist any unsatisfied payment Obligations, and (c) Seller's Collateral Requirement exceeds \$0.00, then Buyer may request, by written notice, that Seller Transfer to Buyer, or cause to be Transferred to Buyer, Eligible Collateral for the benefit of Buyer, having a Value of at least the Collateral Requirement ("***Delivery Amount***"). Such Eligible Collateral shall be delivered to Buyer on the next Business Day if the request is received by the Notification Time; otherwise Eligible Collateral is due by the close of business on the second Business Day.

**Paragraph 5. Reduction and Substitution of Posted Collateral.** On any Business Day during the term hereof on which (a) no Event of Default has occurred and is continuing with respect to Seller, (b) no Termination date has occurred or has been designated as a result of an Event of Default with respect to Seller for which there exist any unsatisfied payment Obligations, and (c) the Eligible Collateral posted by Seller exceeds the Exposure (rounding downwards for any fractional amount to the next interval of the Rounding Amount), then Seller may, at its sole cost, request that Buyer return Eligible Collateral in the amount of such difference ("***Return Amount***") and Buyer shall be obligated to do so. Such Eligible Collateral shall be returned to Seller on the next Business Day if the request is received by the Notification Time; otherwise Eligible Collateral is due by the close of business on the second Business Day. The Parties agree that if Seller has posted more than one type of Eligible Collateral to Buyer, Seller can, in its sole discretion, select the type of Eligible Collateral for Buyer to return; provided, however, that Buyer shall not be required to return the specified Eligible Collateral if immediately after such return, Seller would be required to post additional Eligible Collateral pursuant to the calculation of Exposure.

**Paragraph 6. Administration of Posted Collateral.**

- (a) **Cash.** Posted Collateral provided in the form of Cash to Buyer hereunder shall be subject to the following provisions.

(i) So long as no Event of Default has occurred and is continuing with respect to Buyer, Buyer will be entitled to either hold Cash or to appoint an agent which is a Qualified Institution (a "***Custodian***") to hold Cash for Buyer. In the event that an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing with respect to Buyer, then the provisions of Paragraph 6(a)(ii) shall not apply with respect to Buyer and Cash shall be held in a Qualified Institution in accordance with the provisions of Paragraph 6(a)(iii)(B). Upon notice by Buyer to Seller of the appointment of a Custodian, Seller's obligations to make any Transfer will be discharged by making the Transfer to that Custodian. The holding



of Cash by a Custodian will be deemed to be the holding of Cash by Buyer for which the Custodian is acting. If Buyer or its Custodian fails to satisfy any conditions for holding Cash as set forth above, or if Buyer is not entitled to hold Cash at any time, then Buyer will Transfer, or cause its Custodian to Transfer, the Cash to a Qualified Institution and the Cash shall be maintained in accordance with Paragraph 6(a)(iii)(B). Except as set forth in Paragraph 6(c), Buyer will be liable for the acts or omissions of the Custodian to the same extent that Buyer would be held liable for its own acts or omissions.

(ii) **Use of Cash.** Notwithstanding the provisions of applicable law, if no Event of Default has occurred and is continuing with respect to Buyer and no Termination date has occurred or been designated as a result of an Event of Default with respect to Buyer for which there exists any unsatisfied payment Obligations, then Buyer shall have the right to sell, pledge, rehypothecate, assign, invest, use, comingle or otherwise use in its business any Cash that it holds as Posted Collateral hereunder, free from any claim or right of any nature whatsoever of Seller, including any equity or right of redemption by Seller.

(iii) Notwithstanding Paragraph 6(a)(ii), if neither Buyer nor the Custodian is eligible to hold Cash pursuant to Paragraph 6(a)(i) then:

(A) the provisions of Paragraph 6(a)(ii) will not apply with respect to the Buyer; and

(B) the Buyer shall be required to Transfer (or cause to be Transferred) not later than the close of business within five (5) Business Days following such ineligibility all Cash in its possession or held on its behalf to a Qualified Institution to be held in a segregated, safekeeping or custody account (the “*Collateral Account*”) within such Qualified Institution with the title of the account indicating that the property contained therein is being held as Cash for Buyer. The Qualified Institution shall serve as Custodian with respect to the Cash in the Collateral Account, and shall hold such Cash in accordance with the terms of this CSA and for the security interest of Buyer and execute such account control agreements as are necessary or applicable to perfect the security interest of Seller therein pursuant to Section 9-314 of the Uniform Commercial Code or otherwise, and subject to such security interest, for the ownership and benefit of Seller. The Qualified Institution holding the Cash will invest and reinvest or procure the investment and reinvestment of the Cash in accordance with the written instructions of Buyer, subject to the approval of such instructions by the Seller (which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld). Buyer shall have no responsibility for any losses resulting from any investment or reinvestment effected in accordance with Seller’s approval.

(iv) **Interest.** So long as no Event of Default with respect to the Seller has occurred and is continuing, and no termination date for which any unsatisfied payment Obligations of Seller exist has occurred or been designated as the result of an Event of Default with respect to Seller, in the event that Buyer or its Custodian is holding Cash, Buyer will Transfer (or cause to be Transferred) to Seller, in lieu of any interest or other amounts paid or deemed to have been paid with respect to such Cash (all of which shall be retained by Buyer), the Interest Amount. Interest on Cash shall accrue at the Collateral Interest Rate. Interest accrued during the previous month shall be paid by the Buyer to the Seller on the 3rd Business Day of each calendar month and on any Business Day that posted Eligible Collateral in the form of Cash is returned to Seller. On or after the occurrence of an Event of Default with respect to Seller or a termination date as a

result of an Event of Default with respect to Seller, Buyer or its Custodian shall retain any such Interest Amount as additional Posted Collateral hereunder until the obligations of Seller under the Agreement have been satisfied in the case of a termination date or for so long as such Event of Default is continuing in the case of an Event of Default.

(b) **Buyer's Rights and Remedies.** If at any time an Event of Default with respect to Seller has occurred and is continuing, then, unless the Seller has paid in full all of its obligations that are then due, including those under Section 7.2(c) of this Agreement ("Obligations"), the Buyer may exercise one or more of the following rights and remedies: (i) all rights and remedies available to a Secured Party under applicable law with respect to posted Eligible Collateral held by the Buyer, (ii) the right to set-off any amounts payable by the Seller with respect to any Obligations against any posted Eligible Collateral or the Cash equivalent of any posted Eligible Collateral held by the Buyer, or (iii) the right to liquidate any posted Eligible Collateral held by the Buyer and to apply the proceeds of such liquidation of the posted Eligible Collateral to any amounts payable to the Buyer with respect to the Obligations in such order as the Buyer may elect. For purposes of this Paragraph 6, the Buyer may draw on the entire undrawn portion of any Letter of Credit. Cash proceeds that are not applied to the Obligations shall be maintained in accordance with the terms of this CSA. The Seller shall remain liable for amounts due and owing to the Secured Party that remain unpaid after the application, pursuant to this Paragraph 6, of Eligible Collateral to the Obligations.

(c) **Seller's Rights and Remedies.** If at any time a termination date has occurred or been designated as the result of an Event of Default with respect to Buyer, then unless the Buyer has paid in full all of its obligations that are then due, including those under Section 7.2(c) of this Agreement: (i) the Seller may exercise all rights and remedies available to a Seller under applicable law with respect to the posted Eligible Collateral, (ii) the Buyer will be obligated immediately to return all posted Eligible Collateral and accrued Interest to the Seller, or (iii) to the extent that posted Eligible Collateral or accrued Interest are not returned pursuant to (ii) above, the Seller may set-off any amounts payable by the Seller with respect to any Obligations against any posted Eligible Collateral or the cash equivalent thereof or to the extent that Seller does not set off such amounts, withhold payment of any remaining amounts payable by the Seller with respect to any Obligations, up to the value of the remain posted Eligible Collateral held by the Buyer, until that posted Eligible Collateral is Transferred to the Seller. For avoidance of doubt, (i) the Buyer will be obligated immediately to Transfer any Letter of Credit to the Seller and (ii) the Seller may do any one or more of the following: (x) to the extent that the Letter of Credit is not Transferred to the Seller as required pursuant to (i) above, set-off any amounts payable by the Seller with respect to any Obligations against any such Letter of Credit held by the Buyer and, to the extent its rights to set-off are not exercised, withhold payment of any remaining amounts payable by the Seller with respect to any Obligations, up to the value of any remaining posted Eligible Collateral and the value of any Letter of Credit held by the Buyer, until any such Posted Eligible Collateral and such Letter of Credit is Transferred to the Seller; and (y) exercise rights and remedies available to the Seller under the terms of the Letter of Credit.

(d) **Letters of Credit.** Eligible Collateral provided in the form of a Letter of Credit shall be subject to the following provisions.

(i) As one method of providing Eligible Collateral, the Pledgor may increase the amount of an outstanding Letter of Credit or establish one or more additional Letters of Credit.

(ii) Upon the occurrence of a Letter of Credit Default, Seller agrees to Transfer to Buyer either a substitute Letter of Credit or Cash, in each case on or

before the first Business Day after the occurrence thereof (or the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Business Day after the occurrence thereof if only clause (a) under the definition of Letter of Credit Default applies).

(iii) Notwithstanding Paragraphs 4 and 5, (1) the Buyer need not return a Letter of Credit unless the entire principal amount is required to be returned, (2) the Buyer shall consent to a reduction of the principal amount of a Letter of Credit to the extent that a Delivery Amount would not be created thereby (as of the time of the request or as of the last time the Delivery Amount was determined), and (3) if there is more than one form of Posted Collateral when a Return Amount is to be Transferred, the Secured Party may elect which to Transfer.

(e) **Care of Posted Eligible Collateral.** Buyer shall exercise reasonable care to assure the safe custody of all posted Eligible Collateral to the extent required by applicable law, and in any event the Buyer will be deemed to have exercised reasonable care if it exercises at least the same degree of care as it would exercise with respect to its own property. Except as specified in the preceding sentence, the Buyer will have no duty with respect to the posted Eligible Collateral, including without limitation, any duty to enforce or preserve any rights thereto.

(f) **Substitutions.** Unless otherwise prohibited herein, upon notice to the Buyer specifying the items of posted Eligible Collateral to be exchanged, the Seller may, on any Business Day, deliver to the Buyer other Eligible Collateral (“***Substitute Eligible Collateral***”). On the Business Day following the day on which the Substitute Eligible Collateral is delivered to the Buyer, the Buyer shall return to the Seller the items of Eligible Collateral specified in the Seller’s notice; provided, however, that the Buyer shall not be required to return the specified Eligible Collateral if immediately after such return, Seller would be required to post additional Eligible Collateral pursuant to the calculation of Exposure set forth in Paragraph 3(b) and the Confirmation.

#### **Paragraph 7. Exercise of Rights Against Posted Collateral.**

(a) **Disputes regarding amount of Eligible Collateral.** If either Party disputes the amount of Eligible Collateral to be provided or returned (such Party the “***Disputing Party***”), then the Disputing Party shall (a) deliver the undisputed amount of Eligible Collateral to the other Party (such Party, the “***Requesting Party***”) and (b) notify the Requesting Party of the existence and nature of the dispute no later than 5:00 p.m. EPT on the Business Day that the request for Eligible Collateral was made (the “***Request Date***”). On the Business Day following the Request Date, the Parties shall consult with each other in order to reconcile the two conflicting amounts. If the Parties are not able to resolve their dispute, the Eligible Collateral shall be recalculated, on the Business Day following the Request Date, by each Party requesting quotations from two (2) Reference Market-Makers for a total of four (4) quotations. The highest and lowest of the four (4) quotations shall be discarded and the arithmetic average shall be taken of the remaining two (2), which shall be used in order to determine the amount of Eligible Collateral required. On the same day the Eligible Collateral amount is recalculated, the Disputing Party shall deliver any additional Eligible Collateral required pursuant to the recalculation or the Requesting Party shall return any excess Eligible Collateral that is no longer required pursuant to the recalculation.

(b) **Further Assurances.** Promptly following a request by a Party, the other Party shall execute, deliver, file, and/or record any financing statement, specific assignment, or other document and take any other action that may be necessary or desirable to create, perfect, or validate any security interest or lien, to enable the requesting party to exercise or enforce its rights or remedies under this CSA, or to effect or document a release of a security interest on posted Eligible Collateral or accrued Interest.

(c) **Further Protection.** The Pledgor will promptly give notice to the Secured Party of, and defend against, any suit, action, proceeding, or lien that involves the posted Eligible Collateral delivered to Secured Party by Pledgor or that could adversely affect any security interest or lien granted pursuant to this CSA.

**Paragraph 9. Miscellaneous.**

(a) **Demands and Notices.** All demands, specifications, and notices to Buyer with respect to Credit Support shall be made pursuant to the Notices Section of the Agreement with a copy to:

National Grid  
Attn: Director, Electric Supply and Distributed Generation  
100 East Old Country Road  
Hicksville, NY 11801  
Phone - (516) 545-3282  
Fax: (516) 545-3130

National Grid  
Attn: Credit Operations  
100 East Old Country Road  
Hicksville, New York 11801  
Phone - (516) 545-3122  
Fax - (516) 545-5466  
Email – [keyspar-margin@keyspanenergy.com](mailto:keyspar-margin@keyspanenergy.com)

All demands, specifications, and notices to Seller with respect to Credit Support shall be made pursuant to the Notices Section of the Agreement with a copy to:

Counterparty  
Attn:  
Address  
City, State Zip  
Phone - (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_  
Fax - (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_  
Email –

(b) The provisions of this CSA shall apply to any and all Transactions entered into under the Master Power Agreement subsequent to the effective date of this CSA.

(c) The information contained in Paragraph 3(c)(i) of this CSA constitutes “Confidential Terms” within the meaning of Article 23 of the Master Power Agreement.

**APPENDIX C**

**PROPOSED NEW HAMPSHIRE MASTER POWER SUPPLY AGREEMENT**

## NEW HAMPSHIRE MASTER POWER AGREEMENT

This **MASTER POWER AGREEMENT** (“Master Power Agreement”) is dated as of \_\_\_\_\_ and is by and between **GRANITE STATE ELECTRIC COMPANY** (“Granite” or “Buyer”), a New Hampshire corporation, and [Company], a [what] (“Seller”) This Master Power Agreement provides for the sale by Seller of Default Service, as defined herein, to the Buyer. Buyer and Seller are referred to herein individually as a “Party” and collectively as the “Parties”.

### **ARTICLE 1. BASIC UNDERSTANDINGS**

Seller and Buyer have agreed to execute this Master Power Agreement in order to establish the basic terms of Seller’s provision and sale of, and Buyer’s acceptance and purchase of, Default Service. This Master Power Agreement, together with the Appendices and written supplements (including any Confirmations) hereto, and any designated collateral, credit support or margin agreement or similar arrangement between the Parties regarding the Transactions (as defined in Article 2), shall be referred to as the “Agreement” and shall constitute the entire agreement between the Parties relating to the subject matter hereof and supersedes any other agreements, written or oral, between the Parties concerning such subject matter but specifically excluding written agreements executed by the Parties prior to the Effective Date.

### **ARTICLE 2. DEFINITIONS**

As used in this Agreement, the following terms shall have the meanings specified in this Article. In addition, except as otherwise expressly provided, terms with initial capitalization used in this Agreement and not defined herein shall have the meaning as defined in the NEPOOL Rules.

**Affiliate** means, with respect to any Party, any entity (other than a person) that, directly or indirectly, controls, or is controlled by, or is under common control with, such Party. For this purpose, “control” means the direct or indirect ownership of fifty percent (50%) or more of the outstanding capital stock or other equity interests having ordinary voting power.

**Alternative Compliance Payment Rate** means the value as published by the NH PUC (as defined below) in accordance with Puc 2503.02 of the New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules.

**Award Block** means the numerical designation, for administrative purposes only, as may be set forth on a Confirmation to identify Customer Groups to be served from and including the Commencement Date through the Conclusion Date, in a specified Load Zone, and the associated Load Asset Number and Load Asset Name, or other information as may be associated therewith in a Confirmation.

**Bid Proxy Price** means, the product of (a) the Reference New England Internal Hub Price as set forth in the Confirmation for the applicable Transaction, (b) the Resulting Bid Factor for a calendar month, and (c) the Adjustment Factor, all for the applicable Transaction.

**Business Day** means a 24-hour period ending at 5:00 p.m. EPT, other than Saturday, Sunday and

any day which is a legal holiday or a day on which banking institutions in Boston, Massachusetts are authorized by law or other governmental action to close.

**Buyer** has the meaning set forth in the preamble of this Master Power Agreement, along with any successors, assigns, employees, agents and authorized representatives thereof.

**Buyer's System** means the electrical transmission and distribution system of the Buyer and the electrical transmission and distribution system of any Affiliate of the Buyer.

**Buyer's Service Territory** means the geographic area served by Granite State Electric Company.

**Class I NEPOOL-GIS Certificate** means a NEPOOL-GIS Certificate from a resource that represents Class I Renewable Generation Attributes (as defined below).

**Class I Renewable Generation Attributes** means a "Class I source" as defined in Puc 2502.07 of the New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules, as may be amended from time to time.

**Class II NEPOOL-GIS Certificate** means a NEPOOL-GIS Certificate from a resource that represents Class I Renewable Generation Attributes (as defined below).

**Class II Renewable Generation Attributes** means a "Class I source" as defined in Puc 2502.08 of the New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules, as may be amended from time to time.

**Class III NEPOOL-GIS Certificate** means a NEPOOL-GIS Certificate from a resource that represents Class III Renewable Generation Attributes.

**Class III Renewable Generation Attributes** means a "Class III source" as defined in Puc 2502.09 of the New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules, as may be amended from time to time.

**Class IV NEPOOL-GIS Certificate** means a NEPOOL-GIS Certificate from a resource that represents Class IV Renewable Generation Attributes.

**Class IV Renewable Generation Attributes** means a "Class IV source" as defined in Puc 2502.10 of the New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules, as may be amended from time to time.

**Commencement Date** means the period at HE 0100 EPT on the date set forth for each Customer Group in the Confirmation for the applicable Transaction.

**Commission** means the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, or its successor.

**Commodity Business Day** means Monday through Friday, excluding NERC Holidays.

**Competitive Supplier Terms** means NHPUC's PUC 2000 Competitive Electric Power Supplier Rules, as may be amended from time to time.

**Conclusion Date** means the period at HE 2400 EPT on the date set forth for each Customer Group in the Confirmation for the applicable Transaction.

**Confirmation** means a confirmation that is mutually agreed to and executed by the Parties, which may be in the form set forth in Appendix B or in a form otherwise agreed to by the Parties, such document to serve as a supplement or modification of this Master Power Agreement with respect to a specific Transaction.

**Confirmation Term** means, for the applicable Transaction, the period beginning as of the effective date set forth in a Confirmation and continuing through to the date both Parties have fulfilled all of their obligations with respect to such Transaction.

**Contract Rate** has the meaning set forth in the Confirmation for the applicable Transaction.

**Credit Rating** means, with respect to a Party (or its Credit Support Provider, as the case may be) or entity, on any date of determination, (1) the ratings assigned by Moody's, S&P and/or the other specified rating agency or agencies to such Party's (or its Credit Support Provider's, as the case may be) or entity's unsecured, senior, long-term debt not supported by third party credit enhancement, or (2) if the applicable entity does not have such a rating, then the rating assigned to such entity by Moody's and/or S&P as its corporate credit rating or issuer rating, or (3) if the applicable entity is a financial institution, its unsecured, unsubordinated, long-term deposits by Moody's, S&P and/or the other specified rating agency or agencies. In the event of an inconsistency in ratings by the rating agencies (a "split rating"), the lowest rating assigned shall control.

**Credit Support Annex or CSA** means the credit support annex mutually agreed to and executed by the Parties, in the form set forth as Appendix D hereto and incorporated by reference herein.

**Customer Disconnection Date** means the date when a Default Service Customer is disconnected from service, as determined by the Buyer in accordance with the Distribution Service Terms.

**Customer Group** means Buyer's customers who receive Default Service in the Large Customer Group and/or Small Customer Group as specified on the Confirmation for the applicable Transaction.

**Customer Termination Date** means the date when a Default Service Customer ceases to take service under the Default Service Tariff, each date as determined by the Buyer in accordance with the Distribution Service Terms.

**Daily Proxy Settlement Amount** means, for a given day, the product of (a) the Expected Daily Load and (b) the Proxy Price for such day minus the Bid Proxy Price.

**Default Service** means the provision of Requirements by Seller at the Delivery Point to the Buyer to meet all needs of Default Service Customers.

**Default Service Customer(s)** means, for a specific Transaction, the customers in each Customer Group set forth in the applicable Confirmation, taking service pursuant to the Default Service Tariff during the applicable Delivery Term.



**Default Service Tariff** means Buyer's Tariff for Retail Delivery Service for the Period after New England Power Company Divests Substantially all of its Non-nuclear Generation, N.H.P.U.C. No. 17,, as may be amended from time to time and approved by the NHPUC.

**Delivered Energy** means the quantity of energy, expressed in megawatt-hours, provided by Seller with respect to a specific Transaction. This quantity shall be the sum of the quantity of energy reported to the ISO by the Buyer for each of the Load Assets identified in a specific Transaction, with such quantity determined by the Buyer in accordance with Section 6.3 of this Master Power Agreement. Such quantity shall not include any allocation of PTF losses (which the ISO may assess to Seller in relation to such energy), but shall include transmission and distribution losses on the Buyer's System from the Delivery Point to the meters of Default Service Customers.

**Delivery Point** means, for each Load Asset (x) identified in or in accordance with a specific Transaction and (y) as set forth in the Confirmation related to a specific Transaction (i) the Nodes at which the Real-Time Load Obligations are established in the ISO Settlement Power System Model for the registered Load Assets representing the physical loads of Default Service Customers for the Delivery Term for such customers, identified by the Load Asset ("Loads With Nodes"), for any period and in any location in which there are Loads With Nodes and the ISO requires use of Nodes for Real-Time Load Obligations, or (ii) the Load Zones at which the Real-Time Load Obligations are established in the ISO Settlement Power System Model for the Load Assets representing the physical loads of Default Service Customers for the Delivery Term for such customers, identified by the Load Asset ("Loads with Zones") if (a) the ISO does not require use of Nodes for Real-Time Load Obligations and (b) the use of Loads with Zones in a calculation of ISO settlement charges and costs yields the same mathematical result as a calculation thereof using Loads with Nodes; or (iii) in the event of neither (i) nor (ii), Loads with Nodes and, in any location in which there are no Loads with Nodes, Loads with Zones.

**Delivery Term(s)** means the period(s) set forth in the Confirmation for a particular Transaction for the respective Default Service designations, beginning at the top of the HE 01:00 EPT on the Commencement Date (set forth in the applicable Confirmation) and continuing through and including the end of HE 24:00 EPT on the Conclusion Date).

**Distribution Service Terms** means Buyer's Tariff for Retail Delivery Service for the Period after New England Power Company Divests Substantially all of its Non-nuclear Generation, N.H.P.U.C. No. 17, as may be amended from time to time and approved by the NHPUC.

**Effective Date** means the date that this Master Power Agreement is executed by all Parties.

**EPT** means Eastern Prevailing Time.

**Governing Documents** means, with respect to any particular entity, (a) if a corporation, the (i) articles of organization, articles of incorporation or certificate of incorporation and (ii) the bylaws; (b) if a general partnership, the partnership agreement and any statement of partnership; (c) if a limited partnership, the limited partnership agreement and the certificate of limited partnership; (d) if a limited liability company, the articles or certificate of organization or formation and operating agreement; (e) if another type of entity, any other charter or similar document adopted or filed in connection with the creation, formation or organization of such entity; (f) all equity holders' agreements, voting agreements, voting trust agreements, joint venture agreements, registration rights agreements or other agreements or documents relating to

the organization, management or operation of any entity or relating to the rights, duties and obligations of the equity holders of any entity; and (g) any amendment or supplement to any of the foregoing.

**Initiation Date** means the date a retail customer of the Buyer begins taking service pursuant to the Default Service Tariff as determined by the Buyer in accordance with the Distribution Service Terms.

**Interest Rate** means, for any date, the lesser of (a) the per annum rate of interest equal to the prime lending rate as may from time to time be published in *The Wall Street Journal* under “Money Rates” on such day (or if not published on such day, on the most recent preceding day on which published), plus two percent (2%) and (b) the maximum rate permitted by applicable law.

**Investment Grade** means (i) if any entity has a Credit Rating from both S&P and Moody’s then, a Credit Rating from S&P equal to “BBB-” and a Credit Rating from Moody’s equal to “Baa3”; or (ii) if an entity has a Credit Rating from only one of S&P and Moody’s, then a Credit Rating from S&P equal to “BBB-” or a Credit Rating from Moody’s equal to “Baa3 or (iii) if the Parties have mutually agreed in writing on an additional or alternative rating agency, then a credit rating equal to that mutually agreed to in writing by the Parties in each Party’s sole and exclusive judgment.

**ISO** means ISO New England Inc., authorized by the Commission to exercise for New England the functions required pursuant to the Commission’s Order No. 2000 (and its progeny) and the Commission’s regulations, and any successor organization (including but not limited to a Regional Transmission Organization).

**ISO Tariff** means the ISO New England Inc. Transmission, Markets and Services Tariff, FERC Electric Tariff No. 3, as amended, modified, superseded and supplemented from time to time, and including the Market Rules and Procedures.

**ISO New England Operating Documents** means the ISO Tariff and the ISO New England Operating Procedures, as amended, modified, superseded and supplemented from time to time.

**Large Customer Group Contract Rate** means the value as set forth in the Confirmation for the applicable Transaction as applicable to a month in the Delivery Term.

**Large Customer Group** means the Buyer’s customers in the Rate G-1 and G-2 retail rate classes (the “Large Rate Classes”), or such other rate classes as may be added from time to time during the Delivery Term, provided that such Large Rate Classes shall be comprised of customers previously in one of the Large Rate Classes or such customer would have qualified for one of the Large Rate Classes.

**Locational Marginal Pricing** means as set forth in the Market Rules and Procedures.

**Market Rules and Procedures** means the Market Rules, Manuals and Procedures adopted by the ISO and/or NEPOOL, as may be amended from time to time, and as administered by the ISO to govern the operation of the NEPOOL markets.

**Material Adverse Effect** means, with respect to a Party, any change in or effect on such Party

after the date of this Agreement that is materially adverse to the transactions contemplated hereby, excluding any change or effect resulting from (a) changes in the international, national, regional or local wholesale or retail markets for electric power; (b) changes in the international, national, regional or local markets for any fuel; (c) changes in the North American, national, regional or local electric transmission or distribution systems; and (d) any action or inaction by a governmental authority, but in any such case not affecting the Parties or the transactions contemplated hereby in any manner or degree significantly different from others in the industry as a whole.

**Moody's** means Moody's Investors Service, its successors and assigns.

**MWh** means Megawatt-hour.

**NEPOOL-GIS** means the NEPOOL Generation Information System, which includes a generation information database and certificate system, operated by NEPOOL, its designee or successor entity, that accounts for generation attributes of electricity consumed within New England.

**NEPOOL-GIS Certificates** means an electronic record produced by the NEPOOL-GIS that identifies the relevant generation attributes of each MWh accounted for in the NEPOOL-GIS that comply with the New Hampshire Electric Renewable Portfolio Standard Law. NEPOOL-GIS Certificates shall conform to the eligibility criteria set forth in the New Hampshire Electric Renewable Portfolio Standard Law, and shall represent title to and claim over all environmental attributes associated with the specified MWh of generation.

**NEPOOL** means the New England Power Pool, or its successor.

**NEPOOL Agreement** means the Second Restated New England Power Pool Agreement dated as of February 1, 2005, as amended or accepted by the Commission and as may be amended, modified, superseded, supplemented and/or restated from time to time.

**NEPOOL Rules** means all rules adopted by NEPOOL or the ISO, as such rules may be amended, modified, supplemented or superseded and restated from time to time, including but not limited to, the NEPOOL Agreement, the ISO Tariff, the ISO New England Operating Documents, the Transmission Operating Agreement, the Participants Agreement, the NEPOOL Manuals, and the NEPOOL Operating Procedures, as amended, superseded or restated from time to time.

**NERC** means the North American Electric Reliability Council.

**Net Worth** means total assets, exclusive of intangible assets, less total liabilities, as reflected on the most recent balance sheet prepared by a certified public accountant as part of a certified financial statement in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles consistently applied in the business sector of the Seller.

**New England Internal Hub Price** means for each day remaining in the current calendar month and each day in all future calendar months during the term of this Transaction : (A) the sum of (x) the product of the applicable On-Peak ISO New England Internal Hub Price times the number of On-Peak Hours in such day and (y) the product of the applicable Off-Peak New

England Internal Hub Price times the number of Off-Peak hours in such day and (B) then divided by twenty four (24).

**New Hampshire Electric Renewable Portfolio Standard Law** means the provisions of New Hampshire RSA 362-F et. seq. that require all retail electricity suppliers who provide electricity to end-use customers in New Hampshire to source a minimum percentage of their electricity sales from certain renewable energy generating resources beginning on January 1, 2008, as more explicitly provided for in regulations set forth in the New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules, Chapter Puc 2500 et. seq., as such regulations may be amended from time to time.

**NH Load Zone** means the New Hampshire Reliability Region as defined in the NEPOOL Rules.

**NHPUC** means the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission, or its successor.

**NYMEX** means the New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc., its successors and assigns.

**Off-Peak Hour** means any hour that is not an On-Peak Hour.

**Off-Peak ISO New England Internal Hub Price** means, in a given month, the ISO New England Off-Peak LMP Swap price as published by NYMEX on a Valuation Date and represented by the NYMEX trading symbol KI.

**On-Peak Hour** means Hour Ending (“HE”) 08:00 EPT through HE 23:00 EPT on any Commodity Business Day.

**On-Peak ISO New England Internal Hub Price** means, in a given month, the ISO New England Internal Hub Peak LMP Swap price as published by NYMEX on a Valuation Date and represented by the NYMEX trading symbol NI.

**Proxy Price** means, for a given day, the product of (a) the New England Internal Hub Price for such day, (b) the Resulting Bid Factor for a calendar month, and (c) the Adjustment Factor.

**PTF** means facilities categorized as Pool Transmission Facilities under the ISO Tariff.

**Resulting Bid Factor** means (A) the Contract Rate in a calendar month divided by (B) the Reference New England Internal Hub Price for the same calendar month.

**Requirements** means all electric generation and/or market purchases and delivery, to the Delivery Point, of the electric capacity, energy, ancillary services, operating reserves (including forward reserves) and all other market products required by the Buyer to provide kilowatt-hours to meet the needs of Default Service Customers during the Delivery Term.

**Small Customer Group Contract Rate** means the value as set forth in the Confirmation for the applicable Transaction as applicable to a month in the Delivery Term.

**Small Customer Group** means the Buyer’s customers in the Rate D, D-10, G-3, M, T and V retail rate classes (the “Small Rate Classes”), or such other rate classes as may be added from time to time during the Delivery Term, provided that such Small Rate Classes shall be comprised of customers previously in one of the Small Rate Classes or such customer would have qualified for one of the Small Rate Classes.

**S&P** means Standard & Poor's Rating Group, its successors and assigns.

**Term** means as defined in Section 3.1.

**Transaction** means a particular transaction agreed to by Buyer and Seller relating to the purchase and sale of Default Service pursuant to this Agreement, as evidenced by the execution of a written Confirmation by Buyer and Seller setting forth the specific terms and conditions thereof.

### **ARTICLE 3.      TERM, SERVICE PROVISIONS AND REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS**

#### **Section 3.1      Term**

The term of this Master Power Agreement (the "Term") shall commence on the Effective Date and shall continue in effect until the earlier of (i) its termination by any Party upon thirty (30) days' prior written notice and (ii) its termination in accordance with Subsection 7.2(a); provided, however, that such termination shall not affect or excuse the performance of any Party under any provision of this Master Power Agreement that by its terms or operation survives any such termination and, provided further, that this Master Power Agreement and any other documents executed and delivered hereunder shall remain in effect with respect to the Transaction(s) entered into prior to the effective date of such termination until both Parties have fulfilled all of their obligations with respect to such Transaction(s). As of the termination of this Master Power Agreement, subject to the immediately foregoing sentence, and subject to any time limits specifically set forth in this Master Power Agreement or in a Confirmation, the Parties shall no longer be bound by the terms and provisions hereof, except to the extent necessary to enforce the rights and obligations of the Parties arising under this Master Power Agreement before such expiration or termination or (b) that such terms and provisions expressly or by their operation survive the termination or expiration of this Master Power Agreement.

#### **Section 3.2      Commencement of Supply**

(a) Beginning as of the Commencement Date for each specific Customer Group in a specific Transaction, Seller shall provide Requirements to the Buyer. For purposes of certainty: Seller's obligations on the Commencement Date shall be to provide Requirements for all Default Service Customers identified in the related Confirmation taking service as of and including the Commencement Date.

(b) With respect to each person or entity that becomes a Default Service Customer subsequent to the applicable Commencement Date, Seller shall provide Requirements to the Buyer to meet the needs of the Default Service Customer(s) as of and including the Initiation Date for such customer initiating such service during the applicable Delivery Term.

(c) If Seller elects to receive electronic notification as provided in Section 3.7, the Buyer shall provide to Seller a notice of Initiation Date via electronic file transfer and in a format specified by the Buyer. Each notice of Initiation Date shall include the account number, the date Seller's service to the Buyer is to begin for a Default Service Customer and the customer's rate class.

### Section 3.3 Termination and Conclusion of Supply

(a) With respect to each Default Service Customer that terminates Default Service during the applicable Delivery Term, Seller shall provide Requirements to the Buyer for such customer on the Customer Termination Date but shall not provide Requirements for such customer after the Customer Termination Date.

(b) If Seller elects to receive electronic notification as provided in Section 3.7, the Buyer shall provide to Seller a notice of Customer Termination Date via electronic file transfer and in a format specified by the Buyer. Each notice of Customer Termination Date shall include the account number, the Customer Termination Date and the customer's rate class.

(c) Seller's obligation to provide Requirements with respect to each specific Customer Group in a specific Transaction shall cease at the applicable Conclusion Date.

### Section 3.4 Customer Disconnection Date

(a) With respect to each Default Service Customer whose Default Service is disconnected during the applicable Delivery Term, Seller shall provide Requirements to the Buyer for such customer on the Customer Disconnection Date but shall not provide Requirements for such customer after the Customer Disconnection Date.

(b) If Seller elects to receive electronic notification as provided in Section 3.7, The Buyer shall provide to Seller a notice of Customer Disconnection Date via electronic file transfer and in a format specified by the Buyer. Each notice of Customer Disconnection Date shall include the account number, the Customer Disconnection Date and the customer's rate class.

### Section 3.5 Distribution Service Interruptions

Seller acknowledges that interruptions in distribution service occur and may reduce the load served hereunder. Seller further acknowledges and agrees that the Buyer may interrupt distribution service to customers consistent with the Distribution Service Terms and the Competitive Supplier Terms. In no event shall a Party have any liability or obligation to the other Party in respect of any such interruptions in distribution service.

### Section 3.6 Release of Customer Information

The Buyer will not issue any customer information to Seller unless Seller has first obtained the necessary authorization in accordance with the provisions of the Competitive Supplier Terms.

### Section 3.7 Electronic Notification

At Seller's election, the Buyer shall provide notices contemplated by Sections 3.2, 3.3 and 3.4 via electronic file transfer. Such election shall only be effective when Seller (i) establishes a Windows or Unix file server with capability of sending and receiving File Transfer Protocol ("FTP"), files with Pretty Good Privacy ("PGP"), Encryption/Decryption, and (ii) verifies its ability to transfer files to and receive files from the Buyer at least fourteen (14) days prior to the day on which Seller desires to commence electronic receipt.

### Section 3.8 Change in Supply; No Prohibition on Programs

(a) Seller acknowledges and agrees that the number of customers and the Requirements to meet the needs of such customers will fluctuate throughout the Delivery Term and may equal zero. The Buyer shall not be liable to Seller for any losses Seller may incur, including but not limited to lost revenues, and losses that may result from any change in Requirements, number or location of customers taking service, the location of the Delivery Point(s), the composition or components of market products or Requirements, or the market for electricity, or change in the Distribution Service Terms or the Default Service Tariff. Seller further acknowledges and agrees that there is no limit on the number of Customer Initiation Dates, Customer Termination Dates and Customer Disconnection Dates.

(b) Seller acknowledges and agrees that the Buyer has the right but not the obligation to continue, initiate, support or participate in any programs, promotions, or initiatives designed to or with the effect of encouraging customers to leave Default Service for any reason ("Programs"). Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to require notice to or approval of Seller in order for the Buyer to take any action in relation to Programs.

(c) Seller acknowledges and agrees that the Buyer and Affiliates of the Buyer will not provide Seller preferential access to or use of the Buyer's System and that Seller's sole and exclusive rights and remedies with regard to access to, use or availability of the Buyer's System, and the Buyer's or Affiliates of the Buyer's obligation to transmit electricity are those rights, remedies and obligations provided under the Distribution Service Terms or the NEPOOL Rules.

### Section 3.9 Uniform Disclosure Requirements

Seller shall provide the Buyer information reasonably ascertainable by Seller pertaining to power plant emissions, fuel types, labor information and any other information required by the Buyer to comply with any disclosure regulations which may be imposed upon the Buyer during the term of this Agreement, as such disclosure requirements apply to Default Service provided by Seller pursuant to this Agreement.

Seller shall utilize the NEPOOL-GIS to transfer Load Obligations or NEPOOL-GIS Certificates, as applicable, to the Buyer's certificate account in the number equal to the Delivered Energy for Default Service in a month during the term of a Transaction. Such Load Obligations or NEPOOL-GIS Certificates, as applicable, shall be delivered by Seller at least five (5) Business Days prior to the close of the applicable Trading Period. The Load Obligations or NEPOOL-GIS Certificates, as applicable, shall be delivered by Seller to an account within the NEPOOL-GIS Certificates as designated by the Buyer.

## **ARTICLE 4. SALE AND PURCHASE**

### Section 4.1 Provision Delivery and Receipt

With respect to each Transaction, Seller shall provide and deliver to the Delivery Point and the Buyer shall receive at the Delivery Point the percent of the Requirements applicable to each Customer Group during the Delivery Term, all as set forth in the Confirmation related to such Transaction.

## Section 4.2 Responsibilities

(a) The Buyer shall arrange with the ISO for transmission service over the PTF and non-PTF from and after the Delivery Point to the customers' meters. The Buyer shall be responsible for all transmission costs over the PTF and non-PTF from the Delivery Point to the meters of the Buyer's customers. Seller shall be responsible for all transmission and distribution costs associated with the delivery of Requirements to and including the Delivery Point except the transmission costs otherwise provided for in this paragraph.

(b) Seller shall be responsible for all decisions and data submissions associated with the Ownership Share of the Load Assets in ARTICLE 6, Section 6.4 including any bids into the market system to manage these obligations.

(c) Seller shall be responsible for all present and future obligations, requirements, and costs associated with the Requirements and/or Seller's provision thereof, whether system wide or locational based, including, but not limited to, the real-time load obligations, capacity obligations and/or charges (including, but not limited to, installed capacity, unforced capacity, locational installed capacity, locational unforced capacity, forward capacity market obligations, forward capacity market transition payment obligations), regulation obligations and/or charges (including any regulation opportunity costs), operating reserve obligations and/or charges (including, but not limited to, (w) any real-time reserve charges, (x) any forward reserve charges, (y) any charges associated with reserve constraint penalty factors, and (z) net commitment period compensation ("NCPC") charges (other than monthly fixed-cost charges paid to resources pursuant to reliability agreements negotiated under Market Rule 1 Appendix A, Section III.A.6 and Exhibit 2), emergency energy charges, inadvertent energy revenue charges, ISO Schedule 1 charges (other than ISO Schedule 1 charges that are both (i) associated with the Buyer's Regional Network Service and (ii) allocated on the basis of Regional Network Load), ISO Schedule 2 charges, ISO Schedule 3 charges, day-ahead energy market charges, and real-time energy market charges at the nodes, if any, and if none, the zones representing the actual locations of the meters of the Default Service Customers, and any other requirements, market products, expenses and charges imposed by NEPOOL or the ISO, as they may be in effect from time to time related to the provision and/or delivery of Requirements to and including the Delivery Point. Except as otherwise specifically excluded in this paragraph, Seller's responsibility for costs and charges shall be without regard to the manner in which they are allocated by NEPOOL or the ISO.

(d) Seller shall be responsible for all costs and components thereof of any Locational Marginal Prices to provide Default Service (during the applicable Delivery Term), including its delivery to the Delivery Point. These components include the energy component, loss component, and congestion component.

(e) Seller shall be responsible for all congestion charges for delivery to the actual meters of Default Service Customers (during the applicable Delivery Term).

(f) Seller shall notify Buyer within one Business Day of receipt of notice of termination from the ISO or event of default or similar occurrence under the Market Participant Service Agreement.

## **ARTICLE 5. AMOUNT, BILLING and PAYMENT**



### Section 5.1 Amount

The amount payable by the Buyer to Seller shall be the sum of the amounts due under all applicable Transactions.

### Section 5.2 Billing and Payment

(a) On or before the tenth (10th) day of each month during the Term, Seller shall calculate the amount due and payable to Seller pursuant to Section 5.1 with respect to the preceding month (the "Calculation"). Seller shall provide the Calculation to the Buyer and such Calculation shall include sufficient detail for the Buyer to verify its formulation and computation. Calculations under this paragraph shall be subject to recalculation in accordance with Article 6 and shall be subject to adjustment (positive or negative) based upon such recalculation (a "Reconciliation Adjustment"). Seller shall promptly calculate the Reconciliation Adjustment upon receiving data described in Section 6.3 and shall include the adjustment, if any, in the next month's Invoice. A Reconciliation Adjustment based upon a change in the quantity for an earlier month shall be calculated using the applicable Contract Rate for the month in which the Delivered Energy was received.

(b) Seller shall submit to the Buyer an invoice with such Calculation as provided for in paragraph (a) of this Section (the "Invoice") and the respective amounts due under this Master Power Agreement not later than the tenth (10th) day of each month. The Buyer shall pay Seller the amount of the Invoice (including the Reconciliation Adjustment, if any, as a debit or credit) less any amounts disputed in accordance with Section 5.3, on or before the later of the twentieth (20<sup>th</sup>) day of the month or ten (10) Business Days after receiving the Invoice (the "Due Date"). Except for amounts disputed in accordance with Section 5.3, if all or any part of the Invoice remains unpaid after the Due Date, interest shall accrue after but not including the Due Date and be payable to Seller on such unpaid amount at the Interest Rate in effect on the Due Date. The Due Date for a Reconciliation Adjustment shall be the Due Date of the Invoice in which it is included.

(c) Each Party shall notify the other Party upon becoming aware of an error in an Invoice, Calculation or Reconciliation Adjustment (whether the amount is paid or not) and Seller shall promptly issue a corrected Invoice. Overpayments shall be returned by the receiving Party upon request or deducted by the receiving Party from subsequent invoices, with interest accrued at the Interest Rate from the date of the receipt of the overpayment until the date paid or deducted.

### Section 5.3 Challenge to Invoices

Unless otherwise agreed: (i) either Party may challenge, in writing, the accuracy of Calculations, Invoices or Reconciliation Adjustments (or the data utilized in the forgoing) no later than twenty-four (24) months after the Due Date of the Invoice in which the disputed information is contained; (ii) if a Party does not challenge the accuracy within such twenty-four (24) month period, such Invoice shall be binding upon that Party and shall not be subject to challenge. If an Invoice is paid and thereafter the payment or the Invoice on which the payment was based is disputed, upon notice of dispute, the Party receiving payment shall hold the amount in dispute in escrow for the benefit of the prevailing Party until the resolution of such dispute. If any amount in dispute is ultimately determined (under the terms herein) to be due to the other

Party, it shall be paid or returned (as the case may be) to the other Party within three (3) Business Days of such determination along with interest accrued at the Interest Rate from the (i) date due and owing in accordance with the Invoice until the date paid or (ii) if the amount was paid and is to be returned, from the date paid, until the date returned.

#### Section 5.4 Taxes, Fees and Levies

Seller shall be obligated to pay all present and future taxes, fees and levies ("Taxes") which may be assessed by any entity upon the Seller's performance under this Agreement including but not limited to the purchase and sale of Requirements to the Buyer associated with the Delivery of the Requirements up to and at the Delivery Point. The Buyer will pay all Taxes with respect to the Requirements after the Delivery Point. All Requirements, including electricity and other related market products delivered hereunder by Seller to the Buyer shall be sales for resale with the Buyer reselling such electricity and products.

#### Section 5.5 Netting and Setoff

Except for security provided pursuant to this Agreement (which shall not be considered for purposes of this Section 5.5) and unless otherwise specified in another agreement between the Parties, if the Parties are required to pay an amount on the same date each to the other under this Agreement or any other agreement between the Parties, or if any costs that are a Party's responsibility under this Agreement are incorrectly or inappropriately charged to the Party by the ISO, such amounts shall be netted, and the Party owing the greater aggregate amount shall pay to the other Party any difference between the amounts owed. Each Party reserves all rights, setoffs, counterclaims and other remedies and defenses (to the extent not expressly herein or therein waived or denied) that such Party has or to which such Party may be entitled arising from or out of this Agreement or the other agreement. Further, if the Buyer incurs any costs or charges that are the responsibility of Seller under this Agreement, such costs or charges may, at the Buyer's election, be netted against any amount due to Seller under this Agreement. All outstanding obligations to make payment under this Agreement or any other agreement between the Parties may be netted against each other, set off or recouped therefrom, or otherwise adjusted.

### **ARTICLE 6.           QUALITY; LOSSES and QUANTITIES REQUIRED; DETERMINATION AND REPORTING OF HOURLY LOADS**

#### Section 6.1 Quality

All electricity shall be delivered to the Buyer in the form of three-phase sixty-hertz alternating current at the Delivery Point.

#### Section 6.2 Losses

Seller shall be responsible for all transmission and distribution losses and the costs related to such losses and associated with the Requirements, namely, losses from the Delivery Point to the meters of the Default Service Customers. Seller shall provide to the Buyer at the Delivery Point quantities of electricity and ancillary services, capacity and all other market products related thereto to cover such losses from the Delivery Point to the meters of Default Service Customers. The quantities required for this purpose in each hour of a billing period shall be determined in accordance with ISO's and the Buyer's procedures for loss determination.

### Section 6.3 Determination and Reporting of Hourly Loads

(a) The Buyer will estimate the Delivered Energy for Default Service provided by Seller pursuant to each Transaction based upon average load profiles developed for each of the Buyer's customer classes and the Buyer's actual total hourly load. The Buyer shall report to the ISO and Seller, the estimated Delivered Energy for each Transaction. The Buyer will normally report to the ISO and to Seller Seller's estimated Delivered Energy by 1:00 P.M. EPT of the second following Business Day. Appendix A provides a general description of the estimation process that the Buyer will initially employ (the "Estimation Process"). The Buyer shall have the right but not the obligation, in its sole and exclusive judgment, to modify the Estimation Process from time to time, provided that any such modification is designed with the objective of improving the accuracy of the Estimation Process.

Each month, the Buyer shall reconcile the Buyer's estimate of the Delivered Energy for each Transaction based upon the Buyer's meter reads (such meter reads as provided for in the Distribution Service Terms). The reconciliation, including all losses, shall be the adjusted Delivered Energy. The Buyer will normally notify the ISO of any resulting adjustment (debit or credit) to Seller's account for the Load Assets (set forth in a specific Confirmation) no later than the last day of the third month following the billing month. Appendix A provides a general description of this reconciliation process, which process may be changed by the Buyer from time to time in its sole and exclusive discretion.

### Section 6.4 ISO Settlement Market System Implementation

As soon as possible after the execution of a Confirmation related to a specific Transaction and before the applicable Commencement Date, the Buyer shall assign to Seller, and Seller shall accept assignment of an Ownership Share for each Load Asset in such Confirmation. Such assignment shall be effective beginning on the applicable Commencement Date. Seller shall maintain such ownership until the Conclusion Date (or, if earlier, the termination date established in accordance with 7.2(a)). Seller shall take any and all actions necessary to effectuate such assignment and, if applicable in accordance with the foregoing, transfer, including executing documents required by the ISO. Once Seller's provision of Default Service terminates (effective as of the minute after the Conclusion Date or, if earlier, the termination date established in accordance with 7.2(a)), the Buyer will terminate Seller's Ownership Shares of the aforementioned Load Assets

The Buyer shall have the right to change the Load Asset designations from time to time, consistent with the definition and provision of Default Service. If and to the extent such designations change, the Buyer and Seller shall cooperate to timely put into effect the necessary ISO Settlement Market System contracts that may be necessary to implement the new designations and terminate the prior designations.

## **ARTICLE 7. DEFAULT AND TERMINATION**

### Section 7.1 Events of Default

(a) Any one or more of the following events shall constitute an "Event of Default" hereunder with respect to the Buyer:

(i) Failure of the Buyer

(A) in any material respect to comply with, observe or perform any covenant, warranty or obligation under this Agreement (but excluding events that are otherwise specifically covered in this Section as a separate Event of Default and except due to causes excused by Force Majeure or attributable to Seller's wrongful act or failure to act in breach of this Agreement); and

(B) After receipt of written notice from Seller such failure continues for a period of five (5) Business Days, or, if such failure cannot be reasonably cured within such five (5) Business Day period, such further period as shall reasonably be required to effect such cure (but in no event longer than thirty (30) days), provided that the Buyer (x) commences within such five (5) Business Day period to effect a cure and at all times thereafter proceeds diligently to complete the cure as quickly as possible and (y) provides to Seller written documentation of its efforts and plan to cure and estimated time for completion of the cure.

(b) Any one or more of the following events shall constitute an "Event of Default" hereunder with respect to Seller:

(i) Failure of Seller

(A) in any material respect to comply with, observe, or perform any covenant, warranty or obligation under this Agreement (but excluding events that are otherwise specifically covered in this Section as a separate Event of Default and except due to causes excused by Force Majeure or attributable to the Buyer's wrongful act or wrongful failure to act in breach of this Agreement); and

(B) after receipt of written notice from the Buyer such failure continues for a period of five (5) Business Days, or, if such failure cannot be reasonably cured within such five (5) Business Day period, such further period as shall reasonably be required to effect a cure (but in no event longer than thirty (30) days), provided that Seller (x) commences within such five (5) Business Day period to effect such cure and at all times thereafter proceeds diligently to complete the cure as quickly as possible and (y) provides to the Buyer written documentation of its efforts and plan to cure and estimated time for completion of the cure;

(ii) Failure of Seller to provide Requirements in accordance with Articles 3 and 4;

(iii) Failure of Seller to satisfy its obligation to provide security when due and in accordance with the CSA;

(c) Any one or more of the following events with respect to either Party shall constitute an "Event of Default" hereunder with respect to such Party:

(i) The entry by a court having jurisdiction in the premises of (A) a decree or order for relief in respect of such Party in an involuntary case or proceeding under any applicable federal or state bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or other similar law, or (B) a decree or order adjudging

such Party as bankrupt or insolvent, or approving as properly filed a petition seeking reorganization, arrangement, adjustment or composition of or in respect of such Party under any applicable federal or state law, or appointing a custodian, receiver, liquidator, assignee, trustee, sequestrator or other similar official of such Party or of any substantial part of its property, or ordering the winding up or liquidation of its affairs;

- (ii) The commencement by such Party of a voluntary case or proceeding, or any filing by a third party of an involuntary case or proceeding against a Party that is not dismissed within thirty (30) days of such third party's filing, under any applicable federal or state bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or other similar law, or of any other case or proceeding to be adjudicated as bankrupt or insolvent, or the consent by it to the entry of a decree or order for relief in respect of such Party in an involuntary case or proceeding under any applicable federal or state bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or other similar law or to the commencement of any bankruptcy or insolvency case or proceeding against it, or the filing by it of a petition or answer or consent seeking reorganization or relief under any applicable federal or state law, or the consent by it to the filing of such petition or to the appointment of or taking possession by a custodian, receiver, liquidator, assignee, trustee, sequestrator or other similar official of a Party or of any substantial part of its property, or the making by it of an assignment for the benefit of creditors, or the admission by it in writing of its inability to pay its debts generally as they become due, or the taking of corporate action by such Party in furtherance of any such action;
- (iii) Any representation or warranty made by a Party is or becomes false or misleading in any material respect.
- (iv) The failure of such Party to deliver or return Eligible Collateral as required under the CSA or the failure of such Party to pay Interest as required under the CSA and the continuation of such failure for two (2) Business Days after notice of that failure is given to that Party;
- (v) The violation by such Party of any other obligation or agreement with respect to Credit Support under the CSA and the continuation of such violation for five (5) Business Days after notice of that failure is given to that Party.

## Section 7.2 Remedies Upon Default

The Parties shall have the following remedies available to them with respect to the occurrence of an Event of Default with respect to the other Party hereunder:

- (a) Upon the occurrence of an Event of Default, the non-defaulting Party shall have the right to (i) continue performance under this Agreement and exercise such rights and remedies as it may have at law, in equity or under this Agreement and seek remedies as may be necessary or desirable to enforce performance and observation of any obligations and covenants under this Agreement, so long as such rights and remedies are not duplicative of any other rights and

remedies hereof, and do not otherwise enable the non-defaulting Party to obtain performance or payments in excess of the performance and payments to which it is otherwise entitled pursuant to this Agreement, or (ii) at its option, give such defaulting Party a written notice (a “Termination Notice”) terminating this Agreement and all, but not less than all, Transactions. Upon a termination for an Event of Default under Section 7.1(a), (b) or (c)(iii), (c)(iv) or (c)(v) such termination shall be effective as of the date specified in the Termination Notice, which date shall be no earlier than the date such notice is effective and no later than thirty (30) days after the date of such notice is provided to the defaulting Party in accordance with Article 8. Upon a termination for a default or Event of Default under Section 7.1(c)(i) or (ii), such termination shall be effective as of the Event of Default, provided that the non-defaulting Party provides written notice to the defaulting Party in accordance with Article 8 within ten (10) Business Days of the Event of Default. If such notice is not given within ten (10) Business Days of the Event of Default, the non-defaulting Party shall be entitled to terminate this Agreement effective as of the date specified in the written notice termination. Any attempted cure by a defaulting Party after this Agreement has been terminated by the non-defaulting Party shall be void and of no effect. The Parties’ obligations under this Agreement, in general and under this Section 7.2 in particular, are subject to the duty to mitigate damages as provided under common law. Termination of this Agreement shall in no way limit or restrict any Party’s right to pursue any legal or equitable remedies available to it arising from an Event of Default.

(b) Seller expressly agrees that at any time after the occurrence of an Event of Default by Seller, or the delivery of a Termination Notice to Seller by the Buyer, the Buyer may exercise any rights it may have pursuant to the CSA.

(c) In the event of termination for an Event of Default as provided in Section 7.1, in addition to any amounts owed for performance (or failure to perform) hereunder prior to such termination, the non-defaulting Party may recover, without duplication, its direct damages resulting from such Event of Default; such damages shall include the positive (if any) present value of this Agreement to the non-defaulting Party for the portion of the Delivery Term remaining at the time of such termination, to be determined by reference to market prices, transaction costs and load reasonably projected for the remaining portion of the Delivery Term (“Termination Damages”). The Termination Damages shall include all reasonably incurred transaction costs and expenses that otherwise would not have been incurred by the non-defaulting Party. In determining its Termination Damages, the non-defaulting Party shall offset its losses and costs by any gains or savings realized by the non-defaulting Party as a result of the termination. Seller and Buyer agree that the foregoing provision is intended to reflect a mutually acceptable measure of damages for such Event of Default.

Payment of Termination Damages, if any, shall be made by the defaulting Party to the non-defaulting Party within five (5) days after calculation of such Termination Damages and receipt of a notice including such calculation of the amounts owed hereunder and a written statement showing in reasonable detail the calculation and a summary of the method used to determine such amounts. Upon the reasonable request of the defaulting Party, the non-defaulting Party shall provide reasonable documentation to verify the costs underlying the Termination Damages. If the defaulting Party disputes the non-defaulting Party’s calculation of the Termination Damages, in whole or in part, the defaulting Party shall, within five (5) days of receipt of the non-defaulting Party’s calculation of the Termination Damages, provide to the non-defaulting Party a detailed written explanation of the basis for such dispute; provided, however, that, the defaulting Party shall first pay the Termination Damages, if any, to the non-defaulting Party in accordance with the preceding sentence, and the non-defaulting Party shall then deposit

such disputed amount into an interest bearing bankruptcy-remote escrow account for the benefit of the prevailing Party and the dispute shall be resolved in accordance with Section 15.2.

(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the cure of any default or failure to comply with, observe or perform any covenant, warranty or obligation under this Agreement within the period provided therefor in this Article shall not release such defaulting Party from its obligations under Section 9.2 of this Agreement.

(e) Upon termination the Buyer shall, and upon the occurrence of an Event of Default by Seller, the Buyer shall have the right to, immediately notify the ISO that (i) the assignment from the Buyer to Seller of the Ownership Share has been terminated, (ii) the Load Asset(s) shall be removed from Seller's account and placed in the account of the Buyer and (iii) Seller consents to such action. In the event the Buyer so notifies the ISO, Seller shall immediately take any and all actions that may be required by the ISO to remove the Load Asset from Seller's account and place it in the account of the Buyer. If the Agreement and any Transactions have not been terminated, the Buyer, in its sole discretion with five (5) Business Days prior notice to Seller, may elect to assign the Ownership Share of the Load Asset(s) set forth in the associated Confirmation(s) to the account of Seller and Seller shall accept such assignment, consistent with the actions required by Section 6.4 of this Master Power Agreement.

Section 7.3 Forward Contract.

Each Party represents and warrants to the other that it is a "forward contract merchant" within the meaning of the United States Bankruptcy Code, that this Agreement is a "forward contract" within the meaning of the United States Bankruptcy Code, and that the remedies identified in this Agreement, including but not limited to those specified in Section 7, shall be "contractual rights" as provided for in 11 U.S.C. § 556 as that provision may be amended from time to time.

## **ARTICLE 8. NOTICES, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PARTIES**

Section 8.1 Notices

Any notice, demand, or request required or authorized by this Agreement to be given by one Party to another Party shall be in writing. It shall either be sent by facsimile (with receipt confirmed by telephone and electronic transmittal receipt), courier, personally delivered (including overnight delivery service) or mailed, postage prepaid, to the representative of the other Party designated in accordance with this Article. Any such notice, demand, or request shall be deemed to be given (i) when sent by facsimile confirmed by telephone and electronic transmittal receipt, (ii) when actually received if delivered by courier or personal delivery (including overnight delivery service) or (iii) seven (7) days after deposit in the United States mail, if sent by first class mail return receipt requested.

Notices and other communications by Seller to the Buyer shall be addressed to:

Director, Electric Supply and Distributed Generation  
National Grid  
100 East Old Country Road  
Hicksville, NY 11801

(516) 545-3282 (phone)  
(516) 545-3130 (fax)

and

Notices concerning Article 7 shall also be sent to:

General Counsel  
National Grid  
40 Sylvan Rd.  
Waltham, MA 02451-1120  
(781) 907-1000 (phone)  
(781) 907- 5701- (fax)

Notices and other communications by the Buyer to Seller shall be addressed to:

[Name]  
[Company]  
[Address]  
[City, State & Zip]  
[Phone]  
[Fax]

Any Party may change its representative or address for notices by written notice to the other Party; however such notice shall not be effective until it is received by the other Party.

Section 8.2 Authority of Representative

The Parties' representatives shall have full authority to act for their respective Party in all matters relating to the performance of this Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a Party's representative shall not have the authority to amend, modify, or waive any provision of this Agreement unless they are duly authorized officers of their respective entities and such amendment, modification or waiver is made in accordance with Article 17.

**ARTICLE 9. LIABILITY; INDEMNIFICATION; RELATIONSHIP OF PARTIES**

Section 9.1 Limitation on Consequential, Incidental and Indirect Damages

EXCEPT AS EXPRESSLY PROVIDED IN SECTION 9.2, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMISSIBLE BY LAW, NEITHER THE BUYER NOR SELLER, NOR THEIR RESPECTIVE OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, PARENT OR AFFILIATES, SUCCESSOR OR ASSIGNS, OR THEIR RESPECTIVE OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AGENTS, OR EMPLOYEES, SUCCESSORS, OR ASSIGNS, SHALL BE LIABLE TO THE OTHER PARTY OR ITS PARENT, SUBSIDIARIES, AFFILIATES, OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, SUCCESSORS OR ASSIGNS, FOR CLAIMS, SUITS, ACTIONS OR CAUSES OF ACTION FOR INCIDENTAL, INDIRECT, SPECIAL, PUNITIVE, MULTIPLE OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES (INCLUDING ATTORNEY'S FEES OR LITIGATION COSTS EXCEPT AS EXPRESSLY PROVIDED IN SECTION 15.2 AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LIMITATION THEREUNDER)



CONNECTED WITH OR RESULTING FROM PERFORMANCE OR NON-PERFORMANCE OF THIS AGREEMENT, OR ANY ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN IN CONNECTION WITH OR RELATED TO THIS AGREEMENT, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION ANY SUCH DAMAGES WHICH ARE BASED UPON CAUSES OF ACTION FOR BREACH OF CONTRACT, TORT (INCLUDING NEGLIGENCE AND MISREPRESENTATION), BREACH OF WARRANTY, STRICT LIABILITY, STATUTE, OPERATION OF LAW, OR ANY OTHER THEORY OF RECOVERY. THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION SHALL APPLY REGARDLESS OF FAULT AND SHALL SURVIVE TERMINATION, CANCELLATION, SUSPENSION, COMPLETION OR EXPIRATION OF THIS AGREEMENT.

Section 9.2 Indemnification

(a) Seller agrees to defend, indemnify and save the Buyer, its officers, directors, employees, agents, successors assigns, and Affiliates and their officers, directors, employees and agents harmless from and against any and all third-party claims, suits, actions or causes of action and any resulting losses, damages, charges, costs or expenses, (including reasonable attorneys' fees and court costs), arising from or in connection with any (a) breach of a representation or warranty or failure to perform any covenant or agreement in this Agreement by Seller, (b) any violation of applicable law, regulation or order by Seller, (c) any act or omission by Seller with respect to this Agreement, first arising, occurring or existing during the term of this Agreement, whether incurred by settlement or otherwise, and whether such claims or actions are threatened or filed prior to or after the termination of this Agreement, except to the extent caused by an act of gross negligence or willful misconduct by an officer, director, agent, employee, or Affiliate of the Buyer or its respective successors or assigns.

(b) The Buyer agrees to defend, indemnify and save Seller, its officers, directors, employees, agents, successor, assigns, and Affiliates and their officers, directors, employees and agents harmless from and against any and all third-party claims, suits, actions or causes of action and any resulting losses, damages, charges, costs or expenses, (including reasonable attorneys' fees and court costs), arising from or in connection with any (a) breach of representation or warranty or failure to perform any covenant or agreement in this Agreement by said Buyer, (b) any violation of applicable law, regulation or order by Buyer, (c) any act or omission by the Buyer, with respect to this Agreement first arising, occurring or existing during the term of this Agreement, whether incurred by settlement or otherwise, and whether such claims or actions are threatened or filed prior to or after the termination of this Agreement, except to the extent caused by an act of gross negligence or willful misconduct by an officer, director, agent, employee or Affiliate of Seller or its respective successors or assigns.

(c) If any Party intends to seek indemnification under this Section from the other Party with respect to any action or claim, the Party seeking indemnification shall give the other Party notice of such claim or action within thirty (30) days of the later of the commencement of, or actual knowledge of, such claim or action; provided, however, that in the event such notice is delivered more than thirty (30) days after the Party seeking indemnification knows of such claim or action, the indemnifying Party shall be relieved of its indemnity hereunder only if and to the extent such indemnifying Party was actually prejudiced by such delay. The Party seeking indemnification shall have the right, at its sole cost and expense, to participate in the defense of any such claim or action. The Party seeking indemnification shall not compromise or settle any such claim or action without the prior consent of the other Party, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

### Section 9.3 Independent Contractor Status

Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as creating any relationship between the Buyer and Seller other than that of independent contractors for the sale and delivery of Requirements for Default Service.

## **ARTICLE 10. ASSIGNMENT**

### Section 10.1 General Prohibition Against Assignments

Except as provided in Section 10.2, neither Party shall assign, pledge or otherwise transfer this Agreement or any right or obligation under this Agreement without first obtaining the other Party's written consent, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

### Section 10.2 Exceptions to Prohibition Against Assignments

(a) Seller may, without the Buyer's prior written consent, collaterally assign this Agreement in connection with financing arrangements provided that any such collateral assignment that provides for the Buyer to direct payments to the collateral agent (i) shall be in writing, (ii) shall not be altered or amended without prior written notice to the Buyer from both Seller and the collateral agent, and (iii) provided that any payment made by the Buyer to the collateral agent shall discharge the Buyer's obligation as fully and to the same extent as if it had been made to the Seller. Seller must provide the Buyer at least ten (10) days advance written notice of collateral assignment and provide copies of any such assignment and relevant agreements or writings.

(b) The Buyer may assign all or a portion of its rights and obligations under this Agreement to any Affiliate of the Buyer without consent of Seller. Either Party may, upon written notice, assign its rights and obligations hereunder, or transfer such rights and obligations by operation of law, to any entity with which or into which such Party shall merge or consolidate or to which such Party shall transfer all or substantially all of its assets, provided that such other entity agrees to be bound by the terms hereof and provided further, that such other entity's creditworthiness is comparable to or higher than that of such Party at the time this Agreement was executed and such Party is not relieved of any obligation or liability hereunder as a result of such assignment

## **ARTICLE 11. SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS**

This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and shall be binding upon the Parties hereto and their respective successors and permitted assigns.

## **ARTICLE 12. FORCE MAJEURE**

(a) Force Majeure shall include but not be limited to acts of God, earthquakes, fires, floods, storms, strikes, labor disputes, riots, insurrections, acts of war (whether declared or otherwise), terrorism, acts of terrorism, acts of governmental, regulatory or judicial bodies, but if

and only to the extent that such event or circumstance (i) directly affects the availability of the transmission or distribution facilities of the New England Transmission System, the Buyer or an Affiliate of the Buyer necessary to provide service to the Buyer's customers which are taking service pursuant to the Default Service Tariff and (ii) it is not within the reasonable control of, or the result of the negligence of, the claiming Party, and which, by the exercise of due diligence, the claiming Party is unable to overcome or avoid or cause to be avoided. Force Majeure shall not be based on (A) fluctuations in Default Service, (B) the cost to a Party to overcome or avoid, or cause to be avoided, the event or circumstance affecting such Party's performance or (C) events affecting the availability or cost of operating any generating facility.

(b) To the extent that either Party is prevented by Force Majeure from carrying out, in whole or in part, its obligations hereunder and (i) such Party gives notice and detail of the Force Majeure to the other Party as soon as practicable after the onset of the Force Majeure, including an estimate of its expected duration and the probable impact on the performance of its obligations hereunder; (ii) the suspension of performance is of no greater scope and of no longer duration than is required by the Force Majeure, and (iii) the Party claiming Force Majeure uses commercially reasonable efforts to remedy or remove the inability to perform caused by Force Majeure, then the affected Party shall be excused from the performance of its obligations prevented by Force Majeure. However, neither Party shall be required to pay for any obligation the performance of which is excused by Force Majeure. This paragraph shall not require the settlement of any strike, walkout, lockout or other labor dispute on terms which, in the sole judgment of the Party involved in the dispute, are contrary to its interest. It is understood and agreed that the settlement of strikes, walkouts, lockouts or other labor disputes shall be entirely within the discretion of the Party involved in the dispute.

(c) No obligations of either Party which arose before the Force Majeure occurrence causing the suspension of performance shall be excused as a result of the event of Force Majeure.

(d) Prior to the resumption of performance suspended as a result of a Force Majeure occurrence, the Party claiming the Force Majeure shall give the other Party written notice of such resumption.

## **ARTICLE 13. WAIVERS**

No delay or omission in the exercise of any right under this Agreement shall impair any such right or shall be taken, construed or considered as a waiver or relinquishment thereof, but any such right may be exercised from time to time and as often as may be deemed expedient. The waiver of any single breach or default of any term or condition of this Agreement shall not be deemed to constitute the waiver of any other prior or subsequent breach or default of the Agreement or any other term or condition.

## **ARTICLE 14. LAWS AND REGULATIONS**

(a) This Agreement and all rights, obligations, and performances of the Parties hereunder, are subject to all applicable federal and state laws, and to all duly promulgated orders and other duly authorized action of governmental authorities having jurisdiction hereof.

(b) The rates, terms and conditions contained in this Agreement are not subject to change under Section 205 of the Federal Power Act as that section may be amended or superseded, absent the mutual written agreement of the Parties. Each Party irrevocably waives its rights, including its rights under §§ 205-206 of the Federal Power Act, unilaterally to seek or support a change in the rate(s), charges, classifications, terms or conditions of this Agreement or any other agreements entered into in connection with this Agreement. By this provision, each Party expressly waives its right to seek or support: (i) an order from the Commission finding that the market-based rate(s), charges, classifications, terms or conditions agreed to by the Parties in the Agreement are unjust and unreasonable; or (ii) any refund with respect thereto. Each Party agrees not to make or support such a filing or request, and that these covenants and waivers shall be binding notwithstanding any regulatory or market changes that may occur hereafter and (z) that it shall not challenge or support a challenge to the enforceability of the waiver in this Section (b).

(c) Absent the agreement of all Parties to a proposed change, the standard of review for changes to this Agreement proposed by a non-party or the Commission acting sua sponte shall be the "public interest" standard of review set forth in United Gas Pipe Line Co. v. Mobile Gas Service Corp., 350 U.S. 332 (1956) and Federal Power Commission v. Sierra Pacific Power Co., 350 U.S. 348 (1956) (the "Mobile-Sierra" doctrine).

(d) The Parties agree that, if and to the extent that the Commission adopts a final rule or order which requires that, in order to exclude application of the just and reasonable standard of review and to mandate application of the public interest standard of review under the Mobile-Sierra doctrine for a proposed change to this Agreement which is not agreed to by all Parties, the Parties must agree to language which varies from that set forth in Article 14(c) then, without further action of either Party, Article 14(c) will be deemed amended to incorporate the specific language required by such final rule or order as is necessary to have the public interest standard of review under the Mobile-Sierra doctrine apply to any proposed change to this Agreement to which all Parties do not agree.

(e) Nothing in this Article 14 is intended to modify any Party's right to enforce the terms of this Agreement as written.

## **ARTICLE 15. INTERPRETATION, DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

### **Section 15.1 Governing Law**

The Agreement shall be governed by and construed and performed in accordance with and the laws of the State of New Hampshire, without giving effect to its conflict of laws principles.

### **Section 15.2 Dispute Resolution**

All disputes between the Buyer and Seller under this Agreement shall be referred, upon notice by one Party to the other Party, to a senior manager of Seller designated by Seller, and a senior manager of the Buyer designated by the Buyer, for resolution on an informal basis as promptly as practicable. In the event the designated senior managers are unable to resolve the dispute within ten (10) days of receipt of the notice, or such other period to which the Parties may jointly agree, such dispute shall be submitted to arbitration and resolved in accordance with the arbitration procedure set forth in this Section. The arbitration shall be conducted in Boston,

Massachusetts before a single neutral arbitrator mutually agreed to and appointed by the Parties. If the Parties fail to agree upon a single arbitrator within ten (10) days of the referral of the dispute to arbitration, Seller and the Buyer shall each choose one arbitrator, who shall sit on a three-member arbitration panel. The two arbitrators so chosen shall within ten (10) days select a third arbitrator to act as chairman of the arbitration panel. In either case, the arbitrator(s) shall be knowledgeable and have at least two (2) years experience in electric utility matters, including wholesale power transactions and power market issues, and shall not have any current or past material business or financial relationships with either Party or a witness for either Party and shall not have a direct or indirect interest in any Party or the subject matter of the arbitration. If a panel of arbitrators, all of their decisions shall be by majority vote. The arbitrator(s) shall afford each of the Parties an opportunity to be heard and, except as otherwise provided herein, shall generally conduct the arbitration in accordance with the then-current arbitration rules of the CPR Institute for Dispute Resolution (formerly known as the Center for Public Resources), unless otherwise mutually agreed by the Parties. There shall be no formal discovery conducted in connection with the arbitration unless otherwise mutually agreed by the Parties; provided, however, that the Parties shall exchange witness lists and copies of any exhibits that they intend to utilize in their direct presentations at any hearing before the arbitrator(s) at least ten (10) days prior to such hearing, along with any other information or documents specifically requested by the arbitrator(s) prior to the hearing. Any offer made and the details of any negotiations to resolve the dispute shall not be admissible in the arbitration or otherwise. Unless otherwise agreed, the arbitrator(s) shall render a decision within ninety (90) days of his, her or their appointment and shall notify the Parties in writing of such decision and the reasons therefore, and shall make an award apportioning the payment of the costs and expenses of arbitration among the Parties; provided, however, that each Party shall bear the costs and expenses of its own attorneys, expert witnesses and consultants unless the arbitrator(s), based upon a determination of good cause, awards attorneys fees and legal and other costs to the prevailing Party. The arbitrator(s) shall be authorized only to interpret and apply the provisions of this Agreement and shall have no power to modify or change the Agreement in any manner. The decision of the arbitrator(s) shall be final and binding upon the Parties, and judgment on the award may be entered in any court having jurisdiction, subject expressly to Section 15.3. The decision of the arbitrator(s) may be appealed solely on the grounds that the conduct of the arbitrator(s), or the decision itself, violated the standards set forth in the Federal Arbitration Act and/or the Administrative Dispute Resolution Act. Nothing in this paragraph shall impair the ability of a Party to exercise any right or remedy it has under this Agreement, including those in Article 7. To the fullest extent permitted by law, any arbitration proceeding and the arbitrator's award shall be maintained in confidence by the Parties; provided, however, that either Party, or any of its Affiliates, may provide information regarding the arbitration without limitation to any regulatory agency requesting or requiring such information or to a court in a proceeding to confirm, appeal (as such appeal is limited hereby) or enforce the award; provided, further, that any such provision of information must include a request for confidential treatment.

### Section 15.3 Venue; Waiver of Jury Trial

Each Party hereto irrevocably (i) submits to the exclusive jurisdiction of the federal and state courts located in the State of New Hampshire; (ii) waives any objection which it may have to the laying of venue of any proceedings brought in any such court; and (iii) waives any claim that such proceedings have been brought in an inconvenient forum. EACH PARTY WAIVES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, ANY RIGHT IT MAY HAVE TO A TRIAL BY JURY IN RESPECT OF ANY SUIT, ACTION OR PROCEEDING RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT.

## **ARTICLE 16. SEVERABILITY**

Any provision declared or rendered unlawful by any applicable court of law or regulatory agency or deemed unlawful because of a statutory change will not otherwise affect the remaining provisions and lawful obligations that arise under this Agreement. If any provision of this Agreement, or the application thereof to any Party or any circumstance, is invalid or unenforceable, (a) a suitable and equitable provision shall be substituted therefor in order to carry out, so far as may be valid and enforceable, the intent and purpose of such invalid or unenforceable provision, and (b) the remainder of this Agreement and the application of such provision or circumstances shall not be affected by such invalidity or unenforceability.

## **ARTICLE 17. MODIFICATIONS**

No modification or amendment of this Agreement will be binding on any Party unless it is in writing and signed by both Parties.

## **ARTICLE 18. ENTIRE AGREEMENT**

This Master Power Agreement, including the Appendices, any Confirmations relating to specific Transactions, the tariffs and agreements referred to herein or therein, embody the entire agreement and understanding of the Parties in respect of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement. There are no restrictions, promises, representations, warranties, covenants or undertakings, other than those expressly set forth or referred to herein or therein. It is expressly acknowledged and agreed that there are no restrictions, promises, representations, warranties, covenants or undertakings contained in any material provided or otherwise made available by the Seller or the Buyer to each other. This Agreement supersedes all prior agreements and understandings between the Parties with respect to the transactions contemplated hereby and specifically excludes written agreements executed by the Parties prior to the Effective Date.

## **ARTICLE 19. COUNTERPARTS**

This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, and each executed counterpart shall have the same force and effect as an original instrument.

## **ARTICLE 20. INTERPRETATION; CONSTRUCTION**

The article and section headings contained in this Agreement are solely for the purpose of reference, are not part of the agreement of the Parties and shall not in any way affect the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement. For purposes of this Agreement, the term "including" shall mean "including, without limitation". The Parties acknowledge that, each Party and its counsel have reviewed and or revised this Agreement and that any rule of construction to the effect that any ambiguities are to be resolved against the drafting Party shall not be employed in the interpretation of this Agreement, and it is the result of joint discussion and negotiation.

## **ARTICLE 21. REPRESENTATIONS; WARRANTIES AND COVENANTS**

Each Party represents to the other Parties, upon execution and continuing throughout the term of this Agreement, as follows:

(a) It is duly organized in the form of business entity set forth in the first paragraph of this Agreement, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of its state of its organization and has all requisite power and authority to carry on its business as is now being conducted, including all regulatory authorizations as necessary for it to legally perform its obligations hereunder.

(b) It has full power and authority to execute and deliver this Master Power Agreement and any and all Confirmations related to Transactions and to consummate and perform the transactions contemplated hereby. This Master Power Agreement has been, and any Confirmation will be, duly and validly executed and delivered by it, and, assuming that this Master Power Agreement, together with any and all Confirmations, constitutes a valid and binding agreement of the other Parties, constitute together its valid and binding agreement, enforceable against it in accordance with its terms, subject to bankruptcy, insolvency, fraudulent transfer, reorganization, moratorium and similar laws of general applicability relating to or affecting creditors' rights and to general equity principles.

(c) Such execution, delivery and performance do not violate or conflict with any law applicable to it, any provision of its constitutional documents, or the terms of any note, bond, mortgage, indenture, deed of trust, license, franchise, permit, concession, contract, lease or other instrument to which it is bound, any order or judgment of any court or other agency of government applicable to it or any of its assets or any contractual restriction binding on or affecting it or any of its assets.

(d) No declaration, filing with, notice to, or authorization, permit, consent or approval of any governmental authority is required for the execution and delivery of this Master Power Agreement or any and all Confirmations related to a Transaction by it or the performance by it of its obligations hereunder and thereunder, other than such declarations, filings, registrations, notices, authorizations, permits, consents or approvals which, if not obtained or made, will not, in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect.

(e) Neither the execution and delivery of this Master Power Agreement or any and all Confirmations by it, nor the performance by it of its obligations under this Master Power Agreement and any and all Confirmations related to Transactions, will or does (i) conflict with or result in any breach of any provision of its Governing Documents, (ii) result in a default (or give rise to any right of termination, cancellation or acceleration) under any of the terms, conditions or provisions of any note, bond, mortgage, indenture, license, agreement or other instrument or obligation to which it or any of its subsidiaries is a party or by which it or any of its subsidiaries is bound, except for such defaults (or rights of termination, cancellation or acceleration) as to which requisite waivers or consents have been obtained or which, in the aggregate, would not have a Material Adverse Effect; or (iii) violate any order, writ, injunction, decree, statute, rule or regulation applicable to it, which violation would have a Material Adverse Effect.

(f) There are no claims, actions, proceedings or investigations pending or, to its knowledge, threatened against or relating to it before any governmental authority acting in an adjudicative capacity relating to the transactions contemplated hereby that could have a Material

Adverse Effect. It is not subject to any outstanding judgment, rule, order, writ, injunction or decree of any court or governmental authority which, individually or in the aggregate, would create a Material Adverse Effect.

(g) There are no bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, receivership or other similar proceedings pending or being contemplated by it, or of its knowledge threatened against it.

(h) With respect to Seller, (i) it and the ISO have fully executed a Market Participant Service Agreement (“Seller’s MPSA”), and it has been approved by the Commission in accordance with Subsection 7.1 of the MPSA with the ISO and (ii) the ISO has not filed with the Commission a notice of termination of Seller’s MPSA.

(i) It is acting for its own account, has made its own independent decision to enter into this Master Power Agreement and any and all Confirmations related to a Transaction and as to whether this Master Power Agreement and any such Confirmation is appropriate or proper for it based upon its own judgment, is not relying upon the advice or recommendations of the other Party hereto, and is capable of assessing the merits of and understanding, and understands and accepts, the terms, conditions and risks of this Master Power Agreement and any such Confirmation or Transaction.

## **ARTICLE 22. CONSENTS AND APPROVALS**

The Parties shall cooperate so that each Party may take such actions as necessary and required for the other Party to effectuate and comply with this Agreement including to (i) promptly prepare and file all necessary documentation, (ii) effect all necessary applications, notices, petitions and filings and execute all agreements and documents, and (iii) use all commercially reasonable efforts to obtain all necessary consents, approvals and authorizations of all other entities, in the case of each of the foregoing clauses (i), (ii) and (iii), necessary or advisable to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement. The Buyer shall have the right to review and approve in advance all characterizations of the information relating to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement which appear in any filing, press release or public announcement made in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby.

## **ARTICLE 23. CONFIDENTIALITY**

Neither Seller nor the Buyer shall provide copies of or disclose the contents or terms of Section 5.2(b) Article 7, Appendix C [BIDDERS: Insert additional sections] of the Master Power Agreement (the “Confidential Terms”) to any third party without the prior written consent of the other Party; provided, however, that either Party may provide a copy of the Confidential Terms, in whole or in part to (1) any regulatory agency or governmental authority with jurisdictional interest requesting and/or requiring such Confidential Terms, or in order to comply with any applicable law, regulation, or any exchange, control area or independent system operator rule or in connection with any court or regulatory proceeding, provided that in the case of a disclosure pursuant to the foregoing, such disclosure must include a request for confidential treatment of the Confidential Terms, and (2) an Affiliate if related to the Party’s performance of its obligations hereunder, provided that such Affiliate agrees to treat the Confidential Terms as confidential in accordance with this clause.



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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have caused their duly authorized representatives to execute this Master Power Agreement on their behalf as of the date first above written.

**GRANITE STATE ELECTRIC COMPANY**

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Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

## **APPENDIX A**

### **ESTIMATION OF SELLER HOURLY LOADS**

#### **Overview**

Generating units operated by suppliers are dispatched by the power pool to meet the region's electrical requirements reliably, and at the lowest possible cost. As a result, a supplier's electricity production may not match the demand of its customers. In each hour some suppliers with low cost production units or that contract for the output of such units are net sellers of electricity to the pool, while other suppliers are purchasing power from the pool to meet the demand of their customers. To determine the extent to which suppliers are net buyers or sellers on an hourly basis, it is necessary to estimate the hourly aggregate demand for all of the customers served by each supplier. The Buyer will estimate Seller's Default Service load obligations within the Buyer's service territory and report the hourly results to the ISO on a daily basis.

The estimation process is a cost-effective approach to producing results that are reliable, unbiased and reasonably accurate. The hourly load estimates will be based on rate class load profiles, which will be developed from statistically designed samples. Each day, the class load shapes will be scaled to the population of customers served by each supplier. In cases where telemetered data on individual customers is available, it will be used in place of the estimated shapes. On a monthly basis, the estimates will be refined by incorporating actual usage data obtained from meter readings. In both processes, the sum of all suppliers' estimated loads will match the total load delivered into the distribution system. A description of the estimation process follows.

#### **Daily Estimation of Suppliers' Own Load**

The daily process estimates the hourly load for each supplier for the previous day. The following is an outline of this process:

- Select a proxy date from the previous year with characteristics which best match the day for which the hourly demand estimates are being produced. Extract class load shapes for the selected proxy date from the load research database.
- Scale the class load shapes appropriately for each individual customer based on the usage level of the customer relative to the class average usage level.
- Calculate a factor for each customer which reflects their relative usage level and includes an adjustment for losses ("load adjustment factor"). Aggregate the load adjustment factors across the customers served by each supplier in each class.
- Produce a preliminary estimate of each supplier's hourly loads by combining the proxy day class load shapes with the supplier's total load adjustment factors. Aggregate the loads across the classes for each supplier.

- Adjust the preliminary hourly supplier estimates so that their sum is equal to the Buyer's actual hourly metered loads (as metered at the point of delivery to the distribution system) by allocating any differences to suppliers in proportion to their estimated load.
- Adjust the hourly supplier estimates to include transmission losses within the Buyer's transmission system.
- Submit the hourly loads to the ISO.

After the Buyer has submitted the supplier hourly loads, the ISO will allocate PTF losses to the supplier's account during the settlement process.

### **Monthly Reconciliation Process**

The monthly process will improve the estimates of supplier loads by incorporating the most recent customer usage information, which will be available after the monthly meter readings are processed. The actual customer meter readings, as well as actual interval data for the largest customers, are used to re-estimate all of the days in the calendar month being reconciled. Updates to customers' account status and supplier assignments that may have been missed during the daily processing (due to timing) are included. The resulting hourly supplier load estimates for all the days in the month are reported and used by the ISO as the basis for the monthly resettlement.

## APPENDIX B MASTER POWER AGREEMENT FORM OF CONFIRMATION

This Confirmation shall confirm the Transaction agreed to on, and effective as of \_\_\_\_\_, between **GRANITE STATE ELECTRIC COMPANY** (“Granite” or “Buyer”), a New Hampshire corporation and \_\_\_\_\_ (“Seller”), a Delaware corporation, regarding the sale/purchase of Default Service specified herein under the terms and conditions under the Master Power Agreement, dated \_\_\_\_\_ (the “Master Power Agreement”) between Buyer and Seller, as specified and modified herein. Terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Master Power Agreement.

### 1. Confirmation Effective Date; Condition Precedent; Filing Obligation; Term

This Confirmation shall be binding on the Parties upon execution by both Parties (such date the “Confirmation Effective Date”). Promptly after execution by both Parties, Buyer shall submit the Default Service retail rates to the NHPUC for its approval. The Parties performance of Sections 3.2 through 6.4 of the Master Power Agreement are subject to the occurrence, on or before the fifth Business Day after (but not including) the Buyer’s submission of the Default Service retail rates to the NHPUC (the “Fifth Day”), for the approval by the NHPUC. If the NHPUC does not issue a decision approving Buyer’s request to approve the Default Service retail rates as filed on or before the Fifth Day (a “NHPUC Denial”), then this Confirmation shall be null and void and of no further force and effect, and neither Party shall have any obligation whatsoever to the other Party, and such a voiding of the Confirmation and the NHPUC Denial shall not be a default or constitute an Event of Default by either Party; provided, however, that neither Party shall undertake any action with the NHPUC or otherwise in opposition of approval by the NHPUC of the Master Power Agreement or the Confirmation as executed.

### 2. Default Service Requirements Matrix

Award Block	Customer Group	Load Zone	Load Responsibility	Commencement Date	Conclusion Date
TBD	TBD	NH	100%	TBD	TBD

### 3. Contract Rate - \$/MWh

Contract Rate	Month 1	Month 2	Month 3	Month 4	Month 5	Month 6
TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

### 4. Load Asset Designation within the ISO Settlement Market System

Award Block	Customer Group	Load Zone	Load Asset Number	Load Asset Name
TBD	TBD	NH	TBD	TBD

## **5. Renewable Portfolio Requirement**

For each calendar month during the term of this Transaction the sum of:

- i) The Class I RPS Requirement shall mean the product of (a) Delivered Energy in a calendar month and (b) the Class I RPS obligation of TBD PERCENT (X.X%), plus
- ii) The Class II RPS Requirement shall mean the product of (a) Delivered Energy in a calendar month and (b) the Class I RPS obligation of TBD PERCENT (X.X%), plus
- iii) The Class III RPS Requirement shall mean the product of (c) Delivered Energy in a calendar month and (d) the Class III RPS obligation of TBD PERCENT (X.X%), plus
- iv) The Class IV RPS Requirement shall mean the product of (e) Delivered Energy in a calendar month and (f) the Class IV RPS obligation of TBD PERCENT (X.X%).

## **6. Amount Payable**

The amount payable by the Buyer to Seller in a month shall be:

- (i) The product of (a) the Delivered Energy for Default Service to the Large Customer Group and (b) Large Customer Group Contract Rate in the month plus,
- (ii) The product of (a) the Delivered Energy for Default Service to the Small Customer Group and (b) Small Customer Group Contract Rate in the month plus,
- (iii) the product of (c) the number Class I NEPOOL-GIS Certificates delivered in a month and (d) the applicable Alternative Compliance Payment plus,
- (iv) the product of (c) the number Class II NEPOOL-GIS Certificates delivered in a month and (d) the applicable Alternative Compliance Payment plus
- (v) the product of (e) the number of Class III NEPOOL-GIS Certificates delivered in a month and (d) the applicable Alternative Compliance Payment plus,
- (vi) the product of (e) the number of Class IV NEPOOL-GIS Certificates delivered in a month and (d) the applicable Alternative Compliance Payment less,
- (vii) the product of (e) the Class I RPS Requirement in a month and (d) the applicable Alternative Compliance Payment less,
- (viii) the product of (e) the Class II RPS Requirement in a month and (d) the applicable Alternative Compliance Payment less
- (ix) the product of (e) the Class III RPS Requirement in a month and (d) the applicable Alternative Compliance Payment less,
- (x) the product of (e) the Class IV RPS Requirement in a month and (d) the applicable Alternative Compliance Payment.

[To be determined consistent with each transaction]

## **7. Modifications to the Master Power Agreement**

[To be determined for each Transaction]

## **8. Security**

### **8.1 Calculation of Exposure**

Exposure shall be calculated in accordance with Paragraph 3 of the CSA, subject to the conditions and definitions below.

**Seller Independent Amount** means the amount set forth below, and is required through the dates listed in the table:

Award Block	Customer Group	Load Zone	Amount of Security (USD)	Posting Required Through
TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

**Expected Daily Load** means the average daily load based upon 2 years of available actual loads for a given month, as specified in the following table:

Award Block	Customer Group	Load Zone	Month1	Month2	Month3	Month4	Month5	Month6
TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

**Adjustment Factor** is X.XX.

**Reference New England Internal Hub Price** means the prices as specified in the following table:

ISO New England Internal Hub Price	Month1	Month2	Month3	Month4	Month5	Month6
Off-Peak	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Peak	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Reference New England Internal Hub Price**	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

\*\*The Reference New England Internal Hub price shall be calculated as ((Peak Price x number of Peak Hours in the Month) + (Off-Peak Price x number of Off-Peak Hours in the Month))/(Total Hours in the Month)), as applicable.

## 8.2 Delivery of Collateral

Within five (5) Business Days after the execution of this Confirmation, Seller shall provide Collateral in accordance with Paragraph 3(a) of the Credit Support Annex of the Master Power Agreement, and in any of the forms specified in Paragraph 6 of the Credit Support Annex of the Master Power Agreement.

## 9. Confidentiality

Articles 2, 3 4, 5, and 8 of this Confirmation are Confidential Terms within the meaning of Article 23 of the Master Power Agreement.

## **10. Ratification of the Terms and Conditions of the Agreement**

(a) Except as expressly amended or waived by this Confirmation, the terms, conditions, covenants, agreements, warranties and representations contained in the Master Power Agreement are in all respects ratified, confirmed and remade as of the date hereof and, except as amended or waived hereby, shall continue in full force and effect.

(b) Nothing in this Confirmation shall, or shall be construed to, alter or amend any other Confirmation.

## **11. Counterparts**

This Confirmation may be executed in counterparts, all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

This Confirmation constitutes part of and is subject to the terms and provisions of such Master Power Agreement.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have caused their duly authorized representatives to  
execute this Confirmation on their behalf as of the date first above written.

**GRANITE STATE ELECTRIC COMPANY**

\_\_\_\_\_

Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**[COMPANY]**

\_\_\_\_\_

Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

## APPENDIX C FORM OF GUARANTY

### Guaranty

This Guaranty (this “Guaranty”), dated effective as of [\_\_\_], 20\_\_ (the “Effective Date”), is made and entered into by [\_\_\_\_\_] a [\_\_\_\_\_] corporation (“Guarantor”).

### **WITNESSETH:**

WHEREAS, Granite State Electric Company (“the Buyer”) and [\_\_\_\_\_] a corporation organized under the laws of the State of [\_\_\_\_\_] (“Seller”) and a [\_\_\_\_\_] of Guarantor, have entered into that certain Confirmation, dated \_\_\_\_\_ (the “Confirmation”), under the Master Power Agreement, dated [\_\_\_\_\_] (collectively with the Confirmation, as the foregoing and the terms therein and the obligations and liabilities thereunder may from time to time and without notice to or consent of the Guarantor, and without impairing or releasing the obligations of the Guarantor, be amended, modified, revised, supplemented or waived by Buyer and Seller, the “Agreement”) and

WHEREAS, Guarantor will directly or indirectly benefit from the Agreement between Seller and the Buyer;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the Buyer entering into the Agreement, Guarantor hereby covenants and agrees as follows:

- 1) **GUARANTY.** Subject to the provisions hereof, Guarantor hereby irrevocably and unconditionally guarantees the full and faithful timely performance and payment when due of the obligations of Seller that are now due or may hereafter become due and payable to the Buyer under the Agreement (the “Obligations”). This Guaranty shall constitute a guarantee of performance and payment and not of collection. The liability of Guarantor under this Guaranty shall be specifically limited to performance and payments expressly required to be made under the Agreement (even if such payments are or are deemed to be damages) as well as costs of collection and enforcement of this Guaranty (including attorney’s fees) to the extent reasonably and actually incurred by the Buyer, but in no event shall Guarantor be subject hereunder to consequential, exemplary, equitable, loss of profits, punitive or tort damages, or, except to the extent specifically provided in the Agreement, any other damages.
- 2) **DEMANDS AND NOTICE.** Upon the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default or termination, as may be defined in the Agreement, if Seller fails or refuses to perform or pay any Obligations and the Buyer elects to exercise its rights under this Guaranty, the Buyer shall make a demand upon Guarantor (hereinafter referred to as a “Demand”). A Demand shall be in writing and shall reasonably and briefly specify in what manner and what amount Seller has failed to perform or pay and an explanation of why such performance or payment is due, with a specific statement that the Buyer is calling upon Guarantor to perform and/or pay under this Guaranty. A Demand satisfying the foregoing requirements shall be required with respect to Obligations before Guarantor is required to perform or pay (free of any deductions or withholdings) such Obligations hereunder and shall be deemed sufficient notice to Guarantor that it must perform the Obligations within two (2) Business Days, or pay the Obligations within five (5) Business Days, after its receipt

of the Demand. A single written Demand shall be effective as to any specific default during the continuance of such default, until Seller or Guarantor has cured such default, and additional written demands concerning such default shall not be required until such default is cured. As used herein, the term "Business Day" shall mean a day on which commercial banks or financial institutions are open for business in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

3) REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES. Guarantor represents and warrants that:

- (a) it is a corporation duly organized and validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of [ ] and has the corporate power and authority to execute, deliver and carry out the terms and provisions of the Guaranty;
- (b) the execution, delivery and performance of this Guaranty and each transaction contemplated by this Guaranty, do not and will not (with or without the lapse of time, the giving of notice or both, contravene, conflict with or result in a breach of or default under any provision of its constitution or any writ, order, judgment, law, rule or regulation to which it is a party or is subject or by which it is bound; and
- (c) no authorization, approval, consent or order of, or registration or filing with, any court or other governmental body having jurisdiction over Guarantor is required on the part of Guarantor for the execution and delivery of this Guaranty; and
- (d) this Guaranty, when executed and delivered, will constitute a valid and legally binding agreement of Guarantor, except as the enforceability of this Guaranty may be limited by the effect of any applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally and by general principles of equity.

4) SETOFFS AND COUNTERCLAIMS. Without limiting Guarantor's own defenses and rights hereunder, Guarantor reserves to itself all rights, setoffs, counterclaims and other defenses to which Seller or any other affiliate of Guarantor is or may be entitled to arising from or out of the Agreement or otherwise, except for defenses arising out of the bankruptcy, insolvency, dissolution or liquidation of Seller, the lack of power or authority of Seller to enter into, amend and/or perform the Agreement, or waiver or consent with respect to any provision thereof, or a claim as to the Agreement's validity regularity or enforceability, or any similar circumstance which might otherwise constitute a legal or equitable discharge or defense of a guarantor generally.

5) AMENDMENT OF GUARANTY. No term or provision of this Guaranty shall be amended, modified, altered, waived or supplemented except in a writing signed by Guarantor and the Buyer.

6) WAIVER; TERMINATION. Except as required in Section 2 above, Guarantor hereby waives (a) notice of acceptance of this Guaranty; (b) presentment, demand and notice of dishonor concerning the liabilities of Guarantor; and (c) any right to require that any action or proceeding be brought against Seller or any other person, or to require that the Buyer exhaust its remedies against Seller or seek enforcement of any performance against Seller or any other person, or against any collateral pledged by Seller or any other person liable for payment or performance of the Obligations, prior to any action against Guarantor under the terms hereof. Buyer shall not be obligated

to file any claim relating to the Obligations in the event that Seller becomes subject to a bankruptcy, reorganization or similar proceeding, and the failure of the Buyer to so file shall not affect the Guarantor's obligations hereunder.

Except as to applicable statutes of limitation, no delay of the Buyer in the exercise of, or failure to exercise, any rights hereunder shall operate as a waiver of such rights, a waiver of any other rights or a release of Guarantor from any obligations hereunder.

Guarantor consents to the renewal, compromise, extension, acceleration or other changes including in the time of payment of and other changes in the terms of the Obligations, or any part thereof and amendments thereto, or any changes and modifications to the terms of the Agreement or waivers there under.

Guarantor shall not be discharged or released from its obligations hereunder by any proceeding, voluntary or involuntary, involving the bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership, reorganization, liquidation or arrangement of Seller or by any defense which Seller may have by reason of the order, decree or decision of any court or administrative body resulting from any such proceeding. Guarantor agrees that this Guaranty shall continue to be effective or shall be reinstated, as the case may be, if all or any part of any payment made hereunder is at any time avoided or rescinded or must otherwise be restored or repaid by the Buyer as a result of the bankruptcy of Seller, or otherwise, all as though such payments had not been made.

This Guaranty and the Guarantor's obligations hereunder shall remain in effect for the term of the Agreement.

NOTICE. Any Demand, notice, request, instruction, correspondence or other document to be given hereunder by any party to another (herein collectively called "Notice") shall be in writing and delivered personally or mailed by certified mail, postage prepaid and return receipt requested, or by telegram or facsimile, as follows:

To the Buyer:

Director, Electric Supply and  
Distributed Generation  
National Grid  
100 East Old Country Road  
Hicksville, NY 11801

Fax No.: ((516) 545-3130  
Phone No.: ((516) 545-3282

To Guarantor:

Fax No.:  
Phone No.:

Notice given by personal delivery or mail shall be effective upon actual receipt. Notice given by telegram shall be effective upon actual receipt if received during the recipient's normal business hours, or at the beginning of the recipient's next business day after receipt if not received during the recipient's normal business hours. Notice given by facsimile shall be effective upon (i) actual receipt if received during the recipient's normal business hours, or at the beginning of the recipient's next business day after receipt if not received during the recipient's normal business hours and (ii) confirmation of receipt by telephone. All Notices by telegram or facsimile shall be confirmed promptly after transmission in writing by certified mail or personal delivery. Any party may change any address to which Notice is to be given to it by giving notice in accordance with the requirements of this Section.

MISCELLANEOUS. This Guaranty shall in all respects be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the law of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, without regard to principles of conflicts of laws.

This Guaranty shall be binding upon Guarantor and its successors and permitted assigns and inure to the benefit of and be enforceable by the Buyer and its successors and permitted assigns. The Guarantor may not assign this Guaranty in part or in whole without the prior written consent of the Buyer. The Buyer may not assign its rights or benefits under this Guaranty in part or in whole except (i) with the prior written consent of the Guarantor, or (ii) pursuant to a permitted assignment of Agreement ("Assigned Agreement"), in which case the assignee will succeed to the rights of the Buyer hereunder arising after the date of such assignment. Neither the Guarantor nor the Buyer will unreasonably withhold or delay consent to assignment.

This Guaranty embodies the entire agreement and understanding between Guarantor and the Buyer and supersedes all prior agreements and understandings relating to the subject matter hereof. The headings in this Guaranty are for purposes of reference only, and shall not affect the meaning hereof.

Time is of the essence of this Guaranty. The remedies provided to the Buyer in this Guaranty are cumulative and not exclusive of any other remedies provided by law.

Words importing the singular number hereunder shall include the plural number and vice versa and any pronouns used herein shall be deemed to cover all genders. The term "person" as used herein means any individual, corporation, partnership, joint venture, association, joint-stock company, trust, unincorporated association, or government (or any agency or political subdivision thereof).

Wherever possible, any provision in this Guaranty which is prohibited or unenforceable in any jurisdiction shall, as to such jurisdiction, be ineffective only to the extent of such prohibition or unenforceability without invalidating the remaining provisions hereof, and any such prohibition or unenforceability in any one jurisdiction shall not invalidate or render unenforceable such provision in any other jurisdiction.

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**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Guarantor has executed this Guaranty on \_\_\_\_\_,  
20\_\_, but it is effective as of the Effective Date.**

[GUARANTOR]

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (print):\_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_

## **APPENDIX D**

### **CREDIT SUPPORT ANNEX (NH Default Service)**

This Credit Support Annex to the Master Power Agreement (the “CSA”) is made and entered into by and between Buyer and Seller, as those terms are defined in the Master Power Agreement.

All provisions contained or incorporated by reference in the Master Power Agreement will govern this CSA except as expressly modified herein. Any terms capitalized, but not defined herein shall have the meaning given to them in the Master Power Agreement.

#### **Paragraph 1. Definitions.**

As Used in this CSA, the following terms have the meanings specified below:

“**Cash**” means U.S. dollars held by or on behalf of a Party as Posted Collateral hereunder.

“**Collateral Account**” shall have the meaning specified in Paragraph 6(a)(iii)(B).

“**Collateral Interest Rate**” means the daily effective federal funds rate as published in the applicable statistical release designated as H.12(510), or any successor publication by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. If such rate is expressed as a range, the Collateral Interest Rate shall equal the arithmetic average of such range.

“**Collateral Threshold**” shall have the meaning specified in Paragraph 3(c)(i).

“**Custodian**” shall have the meaning specified in Paragraph 6(a)(i).

“**Delivery Amount**” shall have the meaning specified in Paragraph 4.

“**Disputing Party**” shall have the meaning specified in Paragraph 7.

“**Eligible Collateral**” shall have the meaning specified in Paragraph 3(c)(iii).

“**Exposure**” shall have the meaning specified in Paragraph 3(b).

“**Interest Amount**” means with respect to a Party and an Interest Period, the sum of the daily interest amounts for all days in such Interest Period; each daily interest amount to be determined by such Party as follows: (a) the amount of Cash held by such Party on that day (but excluding any interest previously earned on such Cash); *multiplied by* (b) the Collateral Interest Rate for that day; *divided by* (c) 360

“**Interest Period**” means the period from (and including) the last Business Day on which an Interest Amount was Transferred by a Party (or if no Interest Amount has yet been Transferred by such Party, the Business Day on which Cash was Transferred to such Party) to (but excluding) the Business Day on which the current Interest Amount is to be Transferred.

“**Invoiced Amounts**” shall have the meaning specified in Paragraph 3(b)(i)

“**Letter of Credit**” shall mean an irrevocable, non-transferable, standby letter of credit, issued by a Qualified Institution utilizing a form acceptable to the party in whose favor the letter of credit is issued. All costs relating to any Letter of Credit shall be for the account of the Pledgor.

“**Letter of Credit Default**” shall mean with respect to an outstanding Letter of Credit, the occurrence of any of the following events (a) the issuer of such Letter of Credit shall fail to be a Qualified Institution (as defined below); (b) the issuer of the Letter of Credit shall fail to comply with or perform its obligations under such Letter of Credit if such failure shall be continuing

after the lapse of any applicable grace period; (c) the issuer of the Letter of Credit shall disaffirm, disclaim, repudiate or reject, in whole or in part, or challenge the validity of, such Letter of Credit; or (d) the Letter of Credit shall expire or terminate or have a Value of zero at any time the Pledgor is required to Transfer Eligible Credit Support pursuant to Paragraph 4 below and the Pledgor has not Transferred replacement Eligible Credit Support; provided, however, that no Letter of Credit Default shall occur in any event with respect to a Letter of Credit after the time such Letter of Credit is required to be cancelled or returned to the Pledgor in accordance with the terms of this CSA.

**“Notification Time”** shall mean 1:00 p.m. EPT on a Business Day.

**“Obligations”** shall have the meaning specified Paragraph 2.

**“Pledgor”** means either party, when that party (i) receives a demand for or is required to Transfer Eligible Collateral or (ii) has Transferred Eligible Collateral under this CSA.

**“Posted Collateral”** means all Eligible Collateral and all proceeds thereof that have been Transferred to or received by the Secured Party under this CSA and not Transferred to the Pledgor or released by the Secured Party. Any interest amount or portion thereof not Transferred will constitute Posted Collateral in the form of Cash.

**“Potential Event of Default”** means any event which, with the giving of notice or the lapse of time or both, would constitute an Event of Default.

**“Qualified Institution”** means a major U.S. commercial bank or trust company, a foreign bank with a U.S. branch office or financial institution, in any case, organized under the laws of the United States or a political subdivision thereof having assets of at least \$10 billion and Credit Ratings of at least “A3” from Moody’s and “A-” from S&P.

**“Return Amount”** shall have the meaning specified in Paragraph 5.

**“Reference Market-Maker”** means a leading dealer in the relevant market that is selected in a commercially reasonable manner and is not an affiliate of either party.

**“Request Date”** shall have the meaning specified in Paragraph 7.

**“Requesting Party”** shall have the meaning specified in Paragraph 7.

**“Rounding Amount”** shall have the meaning specified Paragraph 3(c)(ii).

**“Secured Party”** means either party, when that party (i) makes a demand for or is entitled to receive Eligible Collateral or (ii) holds or is deemed to hold Posted Collateral under this CSA.

**“Seller’s Credit Support Provider”** means, \_\_\_\_\_

**“Seller’s Independent Amount”** means none, unless otherwise specified in the applicable Confirmation.

**“Substitute Eligible Collateral”** shall have the meaning specified in Paragraph 6(f).

**“Transfer”** means, with respect to any Posted Collateral or Interest Amount, and in accordance with the instructions of the Party entitled thereto:

- (a) in the case of Cash, payment or transfer by wire transfer into one or more bank accounts specified by Buyer; and
- (b) in the case of Letters of Credit, delivery of the Letter of Credit or an amendment thereto to Buyer.

**“Valuation Agent”** means the Requesting Party; provided, however, that that in all cases, if an



Event of Default or Potential Event of Default has occurred and is continuing with respect to the party designated as the Valuation Agent, then in such case, and for so long as the Event of Default or Potential Event of Default continues, the other party shall be the Valuation Agent.

**“Valuation Date”** means each Business Day.

**“Valuation Percentage”** shall have the meaning specified in Paragraph 3(c)(iii).

**“Valuation Time”** means the close of business on the Business Day before the Valuation Date or date of calculation, as applicable.

**“Value”** means, with respect to Posted Collateral or Eligible Collateral, means the Valuation Percentage multiplied by the amount then available under the Letter of Credit to be unconditionally drawn by the Secured Party.

**Paragraph 2. Encumbrance: Grant of Security Interest.** Each party hereby pledges to the other Party as security for all outstanding Transactions and any other documents, instruments or agreements executed in connection therewith (collectively, the **“Obligations”**), and grants to the other Party a first priority continuing security interest, lien on, and right of set-off against all Collateral delivered to or received by such Party (the **“Secured Party”**) hereunder. Upon the return by the Secured Party to the other Party (such Party, the **“Pledgor”**) of posted Collateral, the security interest and lien granted hereunder on that posted Collateral will be released immediately and, to the extent possible, without further action by either Party.

**Paragraph 3. Calculations of Collateral Requirement.**

(a) **Collateral Requirement.** The “Collateral Requirement” for Seller means the Exposure, *minus the sum of*:

- (i) Seller’s Collateral Threshold;
- (ii) Seller’s Independent Amount, if any, as defined in the Confirmation;
- (iii) the amount of Cash previously Transferred to Buyer, and the amount of Cash held by Buyer as Posted Collateral as the result of drawing under any Letter of Credit; and
- (iv) the Value of each Letter of Credit maintained by Seller for the benefit of Buyer;

provided, however, that the Collateral Requirement of Seller will be deemed to be zero (0) whenever the calculation of Exposure yields a number less than zero (0).

(b) **Calculation of Exposure.** On any Valuation Date, the **“Exposure”** shall be calculated as *the sum of*:

- (i) all amounts that have been invoiced, but not yet paid for the Transaction under each Confirmation (**“Invoiced Amounts”**). Such amount shall be a positive number if owed by Seller to Buyer and a negative amount if owed from Buyer to Seller;
- (ii) all amounts that have been accrued, but not yet invoiced for the Transaction under each confirmation (**“Accrued Amounts”**). Such amount shall be a positive number if owed by Seller to Buyer and a negative amount if owed from Buyer to Seller; and

(iii) the Daily Proxy Settlement Amounts for each day remaining in the current Calculation Period and all future Calculation Periods for Each Transaction (“**Proxy Settlement Amount**”);

(c) **Seller’s Collateral Threshold.**

(i) “**Seller’s Collateral Threshold**” means, the amount set forth below opposite the lowest Credit Rating for Seller on the Valuation Date, *provided*, however, that the Threshold for Seller shall be zero (“0”) if on the Valuation Date, Seller does not have a Credit Rating from S&P or Moody’s or an Event of Default or a Potential Event of Default with respect to Seller has occurred and is continuing.

Or

(i) “**Seller’s Collateral Threshold**” means, the amount set forth below opposite the lowest Credit Rating for Seller on the Valuation Date; *provided*, however, if Seller has provided a guaranty from its Credit Support Provider (substantially in the form set forth in Appendix C of this Master Power Agreement), then Seller’s Threshold shall correspond to the lesser of (1) the amount of such guaranty and (2) the amount set forth below opposite the lowest Credit Rating for Seller’s Credit Support Provider on the Valuation Date; and provided, further, the Threshold for Seller shall be zero if on the Valuation Date, (i) Seller or its Credit Support Provider (if Seller has provided a guaranty) does not have a Credit Rating from S&P or Moody’s, (ii) an Event of Default or Potential Event of Default with respect to Seller or its Credit Support Provider has occurred and is continuing or (iii) the guaranty, if any, provided by Seller fails to be in full force and effect unless Seller is relying on its own Credit Rating to establish its Threshold pursuant to the table below.

<u>Seller’s Collateral Threshold</u>	<u>Moody’s Credit Rating</u>	<u>S&amp;P Credit Rating</u>
\$	A3 or above	A- or above
\$	Baa1 or Baa2	BBB+ or BBB
\$0	Baa3 or below	BBB- or below

(ii) **Rounding.** The Delivery Amount, as defined below, will be rounded up, and the Return Amount, as defined below, will be rounded down, in each case to the nearest integral multiple of \$100,000 (“**Rounding Amount**”).

(iii) The following items will qualify as “**Eligible Collateral**” for the Party specified:

	<u>Seller</u>	<u>“Valuation Percentage”</u>
(A) Cash	[X]	100%
(B) Letters of Credit	[X]	100% unless either (i) a Letter of Credit Default shall have occurred and be continuing with respect to such Letter of Credit, or (ii) twenty (20) or fewer Business Days remain

prior to the expiration of such Letter of Credit, in which cases the Valuation Percentage shall be zero (0).

(d) **Valuation Agent/Valuation Time.** All calculations with respect to Collateral shall be made by the Valuation Agent as of the Valuation Time on the Valuation Date.

**Paragraph 4. Delivery of Collateral.** On any Business Day during the remaining term hereof on which (a) no Event of Default has occurred and is continuing with respect to Buyer, (b) no Termination date has occurred or has been designated as a result of an Event of Default with respect to Buyer for which there exist any unsatisfied payment Obligations, and (c) Seller's Collateral Requirement exceeds \$0.00, then Buyer may request, by written notice, that Seller Transfer to Buyer, or cause to be Transferred to Buyer, Eligible Collateral for the benefit of Buyer, having a Value of at least the Collateral Requirement ("***Delivery Amount***"). Such Eligible Collateral shall be delivered to Buyer on the next Business Day if the request is received by the Notification Time; otherwise Eligible Collateral is due by the close of business on the second Business Day.

**Paragraph 5. Reduction and Substitution of Posted Collateral.** On any Business Day during the term hereof on which (a) no Event of Default has occurred and is continuing with respect to Seller, (b) no Termination date has occurred or has been designated as a result of an Event of Default with respect to Seller for which there exist any unsatisfied payment Obligations, and (c) the Eligible Collateral posted by Seller exceeds the Exposure (rounding downwards for any fractional amount to the next interval of the Rounding Amount), then Seller may, at its sole cost, request that Buyer return Eligible Collateral in the amount of such difference ("***Return Amount***") and Buyer shall be obligated to do so. Such Eligible Collateral shall be returned to Seller on the next Business Day if the request is received by the Notification Time; otherwise Eligible Collateral is due by the close of business on the second Business Day. The Parties agree that if Seller has posted more than one type of Eligible Collateral to Buyer, Seller can, in its sole discretion, select the type of Eligible Collateral for Buyer to return; provided, however, that Buyer shall not be required to return the specified Eligible Collateral if immediately after such return, Seller would be required to post additional Eligible Collateral pursuant to the calculation of Exposure.

**Paragraph 6. Administration of Posted Collateral.**

(a) **Cash.** Posted Collateral provided in the form of Cash to Buyer hereunder shall be subject to the following provisions.

(i) So long as no Event of Default has occurred and is continuing with respect to Buyer, Buyer will be entitled to either hold Cash or to appoint an agent which is a Qualified Institution (a "***Custodian***") to hold Cash for Buyer. In the event that an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing with respect to Buyer, then the provisions of Paragraph 6(a)(ii) shall not apply with respect to Buyer and Cash shall be held in a Qualified Institution in accordance with the provisions of Paragraph 6(a)(iii)(B). Upon notice by Buyer to Seller of the appointment of a Custodian, Seller's obligations to make any Transfer will be discharged by making the Transfer to that Custodian. The holding of Cash by a Custodian will be deemed to be the holding of Cash by Buyer for which the Custodian is acting. If Buyer or its Custodian fails to satisfy any conditions for holding Cash as set forth above, or if Buyer is not entitled to hold Cash at any time, then Buyer will Transfer, or cause its Custodian to Transfer, the Cash to a Qualified Institution and the Cash shall be maintained in accordance with Paragraph 6(a)(iii)(B). Except as set

forth in Paragraph 6(c), Buyer will be liable for the acts or omissions of the Custodian to the same extent that Buyer would be held liable for its own acts or omissions.

(ii) **Use of Cash.** Notwithstanding the provisions of applicable law, if no Event of Default has occurred and is continuing with respect to Buyer and no Termination date has occurred or been designated as a result of an Event of Default with respect to Buyer for which there exists any unsatisfied payment Obligations, then Buyer shall have the right to sell, pledge, rehypothecate, assign, invest, use, commingle or otherwise use in its business any Cash that it holds as Posted Collateral hereunder, free from any claim or right of any nature whatsoever of Seller, including any equity or right of redemption by Seller.

(iii) Notwithstanding Paragraph 6(a)(ii), if neither Buyer nor the Custodian is eligible to hold Cash pursuant to Paragraph 6(a)(i) then:

(A) the provisions of Paragraph 6(a)(ii) will not apply with respect to the Buyer; and

(B) the Buyer shall be required to Transfer (or cause to be Transferred) not later than the close of business within five (5) Business Days following such ineligibility all Cash in its possession or held on its behalf to a Qualified Institution to be held in a segregated, safekeeping or custody account (the “*Collateral Account*”) within such Qualified Institution with the title of the account indicating that the property contained therein is being held as Cash for Buyer. The Qualified Institution shall serve as Custodian with respect to the Cash in the Collateral Account, and shall hold such Cash in accordance with the terms of this CSA and for the security interest of Buyer and execute such account control agreements as are necessary or applicable to perfect the security interest of Seller therein pursuant to Section 9-314 of the Uniform Commercial Code or otherwise, and subject to such security interest, for the ownership and benefit of Seller. The Qualified Institution holding the Cash will invest and reinvest or procure the investment and reinvestment of the Cash in accordance with the written instructions of Buyer, subject to the approval of such instructions by the Seller (which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld). Buyer shall have no responsibility for any losses resulting from any investment or reinvestment effected in accordance with Seller’s approval.

(iv) **Interest.** So long as no Event of Default with respect to the Seller has occurred and is continuing, and no termination date for which any unsatisfied payment Obligations of Seller exist has occurred or been designated as the result of an Event of Default with respect to Seller, in the event that Buyer or its Custodian is holding Cash, Buyer will Transfer (or cause to be Transferred) to Seller, in lieu of any interest or other amounts paid or deemed to have been paid with respect to such Cash (all of which shall be retained by Buyer), the Interest Amount. Interest on Cash shall accrue at the Collateral Interest Rate. Interest accrued during the previous month shall be paid by the Buyer to the Seller on the 3rd Business Day of each calendar month and on any Business Day that posted Eligible Collateral in the form of Cash is returned to Seller. On or after the occurrence of an Event of Default with respect to Seller or a termination date as a result of an Event of Default with respect to Seller, Buyer or its Custodian shall retain any such Interest Amount as additional Posted Collateral hereunder until the obligations of Seller under the Agreement have been satisfied in the case of a termination date or for so long as such Event of Default is continuing in the case of an Event of Default.

(b) **Buyer's Rights and Remedies.** If at any time an Event of Default with respect to Seller has occurred and is continuing, then, unless the Seller has paid in full all of its obligations that are then due, including those under Section 7.2(c) of this Agreement ("Obligations"), the Buyer may exercise one or more of the following rights and remedies: (i) all rights and remedies available to a Secured Party under applicable law with respect to posted Eligible Collateral held by the Buyer, (ii) the right to set-off any amounts payable by the Seller with respect to any Obligations against any posted Eligible Collateral or the Cash equivalent of any posted Eligible Collateral held by the Buyer, or (iii) the right to liquidate any posted Eligible Collateral held by the Buyer and to apply the proceeds of such liquidation of the posted Eligible Collateral to any amounts payable to the Buyer with respect to the Obligations in such order as the Buyer may elect. For purposes of this Paragraph 6, the Buyer may draw on the entire undrawn portion of any Letter of Credit. Cash proceeds that are not applied to the Obligations shall be maintained in accordance with the terms of this CSA. The Seller shall remain liable for amounts due and owing to the Secured Party that remain unpaid after the application, pursuant to this Paragraph 6, of Eligible Collateral to the Obligations.

(c) **Seller's Rights and Remedies.** If at any time a termination date has occurred or been designated as the result of an Event of Default with respect to Buyer, then unless the Buyer has paid in full all of its obligations that are then due, including those under Section 7.2(c) of this Agreement: (i) the Seller may exercise all rights and remedies available to a Seller under applicable law with respect to the posted Eligible Collateral, (ii) the Buyer will be obligated immediately to return all posted Eligible Collateral and accrued Interest to the Seller, or (iii) to the extent that posted Eligible Collateral or accrued Interest are not returned pursuant to (ii) above, the Seller may set-off any amounts payable by the Seller with respect to any Obligations against any posted Eligible Collateral or the cash equivalent thereof or to the extent that Seller does not set off such amounts, withhold payment of any remaining amounts payable by the Seller with respect to any Obligations, up to the value of the remain posted Eligible Collateral held by the Buyer, until that posted Eligible Collateral is Transferred to the Seller. For avoidance of doubt, (i) the Buyer will be obligated immediately to Transfer any Letter of Credit to the Seller and (ii) the Seller may do any one or more of the following: (x) to the extent that the Letter of Credit is not Transferred to the Seller as required pursuant to (i) above, set-off any amounts payable by the Seller with respect to any Obligations against any such Letter of Credit held by the Buyer and, to the extent its rights to set-off are not exercised, withhold payment of any remaining amounts payable by the Seller with respect to any Obligations, up to the value of any remaining posted Eligible Collateral and the value of any Letter of Credit held by the Buyer, until any such Posted Eligible Collateral and such Letter of Credit is Transferred to the Seller; and (y) exercise rights and remedies available to the Seller under the terms of the Letter of Credit.

(d) **Letters of Credit.** Eligible Collateral provided in the form of a Letter of Credit shall be subject to the following provisions.

- (i) As one method of providing Eligible Collateral, the Pledgor may increase the amount of an outstanding Letter of Credit or establish one or more additional Letters of Credit.
- (ii) Upon the occurrence of a Letter of Credit Default, Seller agrees to Transfer to Buyer either a substitute Letter of Credit or Cash, in each case on or before the first Business Day after the occurrence thereof (or the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Business Day after the occurrence thereof if only clause (a) under the definition of Letter of Credit Default applies).

(iii) Notwithstanding Paragraphs 4 and 5, (1) the Buyer need not return a Letter of Credit unless the entire principal amount is required to be returned, (2) the Buyer shall consent to a reduction of the principal amount of a Letter of Credit to the extent that a Delivery Amount would not be created thereby (as of the time of the request or as of the last time the Delivery Amount was determined), and (3) if there is more than one form of Posted Collateral when a Return Amount is to be Transferred, the Secured Party may elect which to Transfer.

(e) **Care of Posted Eligible Collateral.** Buyer shall exercise reasonable care to assure the safe custody of all posted Eligible Collateral to the extent required by applicable law, and in any event the Buyer will be deemed to have exercised reasonable care if it exercises at least the same degree of care as it would exercise with respect to its own property. Except as specified in the preceding sentence, the Buyer will have no duty with respect to the posted Eligible Collateral, including without limitation, any duty to enforce or preserve any rights thereto.

(f) **Substitutions.** Unless otherwise prohibited herein, upon notice to the Buyer specifying the items of posted Eligible Collateral to be exchanged, the Seller may, on any Business Day, deliver to the Buyer other Eligible Collateral (“***Substitute Eligible Collateral***”). On the Business Day following the day on which the Substitute Eligible Collateral is delivered to the Buyer, the Buyer shall return to the Seller the items of Eligible Collateral specified in the Seller’s notice; provided, however, that the Buyer shall not be required to return the specified Eligible Collateral if immediately after such return, Seller would be required to post additional Eligible Collateral pursuant to the calculation of Exposure set forth in Paragraph 3(b) and the Confirmation.

#### **Paragraph 7. Exercise of Rights Against Posted Collateral.**

(a) **Disputes regarding amount of Eligible Collateral.** If either Party disputes the amount of Eligible Collateral to be provided or returned (such Party the “***Disputing Party***”), then the Disputing Party shall (a) deliver the undisputed amount of Eligible Collateral to the other Party (such Party, the “***Requesting Party***”) and (b) notify the Requesting Party of the existence and nature of the dispute no later than 5:00 p.m. EPT on the Business Day that the request for Eligible Collateral was made (the “***Request Date***”). On the Business Day following the Request Date, the Parties shall consult with each other in order to reconcile the two conflicting amounts. If the Parties are not able to resolve their dispute, the Eligible Collateral shall be recalculated, on the Business Day following the Request Date, by each Party requesting quotations from two (2) Reference Market-Makers for a total of four (4) quotations. The highest and lowest of the four (4) quotations shall be discarded and the arithmetic average shall be taken of the remaining two (2), which shall be used in order to determine the amount of Eligible Collateral required. On the same day the Eligible Collateral amount is recalculated, the Disputing Party shall deliver any additional Eligible Collateral required pursuant to the recalculation or the Requesting Party shall return any excess Eligible Collateral that is no longer required pursuant to the recalculation.

(b) **Further Assurances.** Promptly following a request by a Party, the other Party shall execute, deliver, file, and/or record any financing statement, specific assignment, or other document and take any other action that may be necessary or desirable to create, perfect, or validate any security interest or lien, to enable the requesting party to exercise or enforce its rights or remedies under this CSA, or to effect or document a release of a security interest on posted Eligible Collateral or accrued Interest.

(c) **Further Protection.** The Pledgor will promptly give notice to the Secured Party of, and defend against, any suit, action, proceeding, or lien that involves the posted Eligible

Collateral delivered to Secured Party by Pledgor or that could adversely affect any security interest or lien granted pursuant to this CSA.

**Paragraph 9. Miscellaneous.**

(a) **Demands and Notices.** All demands, specifications, and notices to Buyer with respect to Credit Support shall be made pursuant to the Notices Section of the Agreement with a copy to:

National Grid  
Attn: Director, Electric Supply and Distributed Generation  
100 East Old Country Road  
Hicksville, NY 11801  
Phone - (516) 545-3282  
Fax: (516) 545-3130

National Grid  
Attn: Credit Operations  
100 East Old Country Road  
Hicksville, New York 11801  
Phone - (516) 545-3122  
Fax - (516) 545-5466  
Email – [keys span-margin@keyspanenergy.com](mailto:keys span-margin@keyspanenergy.com)

All demands, specifications, and notices to Seller with respect to Credit Support shall be made pursuant to the Notices Section of the Agreement with a copy to:

Counterparty  
Attn:  
Address  
City, State Zip  
Phone - (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_  
Fax - (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_  
Email –

(b) The provisions of this CSA shall apply to any and all Transactions entered into under the Master Power Agreement subsequent to the effective date of this CSA.

(c) The information contained in Paragraph 3(c)(i) of this CSA constitutes “Confidential Terms” within the meaning of Article 23 of the Master Power Agreement.

## **APPENDIX D**

### **REQUIRED PROPOSAL INFORMATION**



**RESPONDENT:** \_\_\_\_\_

**1. General Information**

Name of Respondent	
Principal contact person < Name < Title < Company < Mailing address < Telephone number (office) < Telephone number (cell) < Fax number < E-mail address	
Secondary contact person (if any) < Name < Title < Company < Mailing address < Telephone number (office) < Telephone number (cell) < Fax number < E-mail address	
Legal form of business organization of Respondent (e.g., sole proprietorship, partnership, limited partnership, joint venture, or corporation)	
State(s) of incorporation, residency and organization Indicate whether Respondent is in good standing in all states in which Respondent is authorized to do business and, if not, which states and the reason it is not.	
If Respondent is a partnership, the names of all general and limited partners.  If Respondent is a limited liability company, the names of all direct owners.	
Description of Respondent and all affiliated entities and joint ventures transacting business in the energy sector	

**RESPONDENT:** \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Financial Information

Current debt rating for Respondent (include ratings and names of rating agencies).	
Date Respondent's last fiscal year ended.	
Total revenue for Respondent for the most recent fiscal year.	
Total net income for Respondent for the most recent fiscal year.	
Total assets for Respondent as of the close of the previous fiscal year.	
Copy of the Respondent's most recent balance sheet, income statement and cash flow statement.	
Copy of the Respondent's most recent audited balance sheet, income statement and cash flow statement.	

## 3. Defaults and Adverse Situations

<p>Describe, in detail, any situation in which Respondent (either individually or as part of a consortium, joint venture or other group), or an affiliate of Respondent, defaulted or was deemed to be in noncompliance of its contractual obligations to transact business in the energy sector within the past five years including, without limitation, to purchase or deliver energy, capacity or other market products at retail or wholesale, or for the purchase or sale of electricity or natural gas, and including any financing agreements or financing provisions of any agreement.</p> <p>Explain the situation, its outcome and all other relevant facts associated with the event.</p> <p>If there was litigation, provide the case caption, index number and court.</p> <p>Identify the name, title and telephone number of the principal manager of the customer/client who asserted the event of default or noncompliance.</p>	
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**RESPONDENT:** \_\_\_\_\_

Has Respondent, or any affiliate of Respondent, in the last five years, (a) consented to the appointment of, or was taken in possession by, a receiver, trustee, custodian or liquidator of a substantial part of its assets, (b) filed a bankruptcy petition in any bankruptcy court proceeding, (c) answered, consented or sought relief under any bankruptcy or similar law or failed to obtain a dismissal of an involuntary petition, (d) admitted in writing of its inability to pay its debts when due, (e) made a general assignment for the benefit of creditors, (f) was the subject of an involuntary proceeding seeking to adjudicate that Party bankrupt or insolvent, (g) sought reorganization, arrangement, adjustment, or composition of it or its debt under any law relating to bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization or relief of debtors.	
Describe any facts presently known to Respondent that might adversely affect its ability to provide the service(s) bid herein as provided for in the RFP	

#### 4. NEPOOL AND POWER SUPPLY EXPERIENCE

Is Respondent a member of NEPOOL?	
Does Respondent have an executed and accepted Market Participant Service Agreement with ISO New England?	
Name of Market Participant if Respondent will have another Market Participant be responsible for its market settlement obligations .	
Describe Respondent's experience and record of performance in the areas of power marketing, brokering, sales, and/or contracting, for the last five years within NEPOOL and/or the New England region.	
Provide three references (name, title and contact information) who have contracted with the Respondent for similar load following services within the last 2 years.	

**RESPONDENT:** \_\_\_\_\_

### 5. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Briefly describe any known conflicts of interest between bidder or an affiliate of bidder and Buyer, National Grid USA or any affiliates of the foregoing.	
Enumerate any litigation, claims or complaints asserted by bidder or an affiliate of bidder, against Buyer, National Grid or an affiliate of any of the foregoing.	
Enumerate any litigation, claims or complaints asserted against bidder or an affiliate of bidder by Buyer, National Grid or an affiliate of any of the foregoing.	

### 6. SCOPE OF BID AND TERMS OF SALE

<p>Will Respondent execute a contract substantially similar to the proposed Master Power Agreements contained in Appendices B and C?</p> <p>Explain any proposed modifications.</p>	
List all regulatory approvals required before service can commence.	

**RESPONDENT:** \_\_\_\_\_

**7. Proposed Pricing**

(Respondent required to use bidding spreadsheet included on procurement web site)

**Massachusetts Default Service**

Bid Block	SMD Zone	Customer Group	Period		Monthly Pricing - \$/MWh (all inclusive - without RPS Component)			
			From	To	Aug-09	Sept-09	Oct-09	
A	SEMA	Industrial	01-Aug-09	31-Oct-09				
B	WCMA	Industrial	01-Aug-09	31-Oct-09				
C	NEMA	Industrial	01-Aug-09	31-Oct-09				
MA-RPS Compliance Adder			2009		\$/MWh			

**New Hampshire Default Service**

Bid Block	SMD Zone	Customer Group	Period		Monthly Pricing - \$/MWh (all inclusive – without RPS Component)			
			From	To	Aug-09	Sept-09	Oct-09	
D	NH	Large	01-Aug-09	31-Oct-09				
NH RPS Compliance Adder			2009		\$/MWh			



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### **Default Service Procurement Summary**

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**NATIONAL GRID  
DEFAULT SERVICE PROCUREMENT SUMMARY  
FOR THE PERIOD  
AUGUST 2009 – OCTOBER 2009**

**RFP Issued**

National Grid issued its Request for Power Supply Proposals (“RFP”) on May 8, 2009 directly to over [REDACTED] suppliers for the service period August 2009 through October 2009.

The RFP was also distributed to all members of the NEPOOL Markets Committee and posted on National Grid’s energy supply web site. As a result, the RFP had wide distribution throughout the New England energy supply marketplace.

The procurement was conducted in accordance with applicable New Hampshire rules and regulations including Granite State Electric Company’s Second Amended Restructuring Settlement Agreement (“Restructuring Settlement”), RSA 374-F (“New Hampshire Act”) and Granite State Electric Company Post-Transition Service Default Service Proposal Settlement Agreement (“New Hampshire Settlement Agreement”) approved by the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission on January 13, 2006 in Order No. 24,577.

This procurement was also conducted in accordance with applicable Massachusetts rules and regulations including the various orders in D.T.E. Dockets 99-60A, 99-60B, 99-60C, 02-40A, 02-40B and 02-40C and was consistent with prior procurements conducted by National Grid.

National Grid’s RFP requested all-inclusive pricing for all blocks:

- 100% of the New Hampshire Large Customer Group Default Service requirements for the period August 2009 through October 2009;
- 100% of the Massachusetts Industrial Customer Group Default Service requirements for the period August 2009 through October 2009;

These requirements were divided into four distinct load blocks. A description of each load block is provided in Attachment 1.

**Key RFP  
Dates**

The RFP was issued on May 8, 2009.

Supplier information was received on May 29, 2009.

Indicative bids were received on June 3, 2009.

Final bids were received on June 10, 2009.



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**Contract Submissions**

All potential bidders had previously executed Master Power Agreements with National Grid. Each winning bidder agreed to an Amendment to the Master Power Agreement, which consisted of new credit terms and renewable portfolio provisions.

National Grid was able to resolve all outstanding issues with the winning bidders prior to receipt of final bids and executed agreements that did not shift risks or obligations to its customers from those contained in its proposed agreements.

**Indicative Bids**

Indicative bids were received on June 3, 2009 from [REDACTED] bidders.

The indicative bids were evaluated and ranked (see Attachments 2 and 3). Indicative pricing was used only to determine current market price, to prepare an initial ranking of bids and to identify any bidding anomalies. [REDACTED]

The lowest indicative bids for each load block were compared to National Grid's estimate of expected indicative bids based on a new methodology (see Attachment 4).

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Between the Indicative and Final bids, National Grid recalibrated the bid factors by incorporating new data in the process. The expected indicative bids changed slightly due to the new bid factors.

In addition to evaluating the bid price and ability to meet credit requirements, National Grid also performed a qualitative review of each bidder's ability to provide Default Service during the service period based on the following:

- The bidder's past experience in providing similar services to National Grid or its affiliates;
- The bidder's past experience in providing similar services to other companies in New England;
- The bidder's past experience in providing similar services to other companies in other regions;
- The bidder's demonstrated understanding of the market rules related to the provision of Default Service;
- The bidder's demonstrated understanding of its obligations under the proposed Purchase Power Agreement; and
- Whether there have been any past or are any present events that are known that may adversely affect the bidder's ability to provide Default Service.

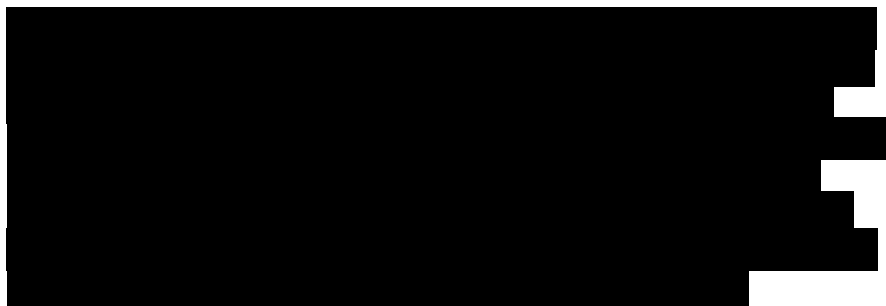
National Grid concluded that all bidders were qualified to provide Default Service and would be capable of providing any required contract security.

**Regulatory  
Communication**

The results of the New Hampshire indicative bids were shared with staff of the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission ("NHPUC") on June 4, 2009. The expected indicative bids provided that day are slightly different from the prices in Attachments 2 and 3 due to the updated bid factors described in the Indicative Bids section.

**Final Bids**

Final bids were received on June 10, 2009 from [REDACTED] bidders.



A summary of the number of conforming bids per block is provided

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in the following table:

Block - # Bids	

**Analysis and Award**

The lowest final bids for each load block were compared to National Grid's estimate of expected bids based on the methodology described above (see Indicative Bids). The calculations of these expected prices can be found in Attachment 7.



Attachment 8 provides a summary of the winning supplier for each block as well as the basis for the award. Attachment 9 provides a bidder key to help identify bidders.

**Renewable Portfolio Standard**

The Massachusetts load covered by this RFP is subject to the following New Renewable Portfolio Standard ("RPS") requirement:

RPS Obligations	% of Load
RPS Class I New	4.0%
RPS Class II Existing	3.6%
RPS Class II Waste to Energy	3.5%
APS Resource	1.0%

National Grid evaluated the cost of obtaining the RPS certificates associated with the load requirements from the bidders versus the current market price for RPS certificates. The following is a summary of the market prices used by National Grid:

RPS Certificate	Market Price
RPS Class I New	\$34.00
RPS Class II Existing	\$2.50
RPS Class II Waste to Energy	\$10.00
APS Resource	\$20.00

Since there were no market prices for RPS Class II Waste to Energy or APS resources, National Grid used the applicable ACP price instead. Attachment 10 provides an analysis of the proposed RPS cost adders contained in the final bids. The price from the winning

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[REDACTED] certificate. Since this is higher than National Grid's estimate of the market cost for RECs, National Grid did not include the RPS adder in the final purchase prices. Consistent with its RPS Compliance Plan that was filed with the Department on November 1, 2002, National Grid will attempt to procure these requirements through separate solicitations or by payment of the ACP.

National Grid estimated the costs to comply with the RPS and APS obligations by utilizing the applicable market price or ACP obligation percentages as specified in the RPS and APS regulations. Attachment 11 provides a calculation of the cost adder to include these costs.

**New  
Hampshire  
Renewable  
Energy  
Portfolio  
Standard**

The New Hampshire load covered by this RFP is subject to a 6.0% Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard ("NH-RPS") requirement in calendar year 2009.

National Grid evaluated the cost of obtaining the NH-RPS certificates associated with the load requirements from the bidders versus making an ACP for the load. As shown in Attachment 10, the winning bidder's NH-RPS price was too close to ACP. National Grid will instead attempt to purchase NH-RPS certificates through a separate solicitation at a later date.

**Retail Rate**

The expected retail rates, excluding administrative cost adders, were based on the wholesale bids that were awarded supply. For the Massachusetts Industrial Customer Group and the New Hampshire Large Customer group, the rates reflect the costs of the current procurement and are not blended with costs incurred in other procurements.

The Massachusetts retail rates were calculated by adjusting the

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For Massachusetts Default Service retail rates, the retail rates were adjusted to include the average cost of RPS certificates purchased as part of this RFP.

A summary of the final retail rates for each block is provided in Attachment 12.

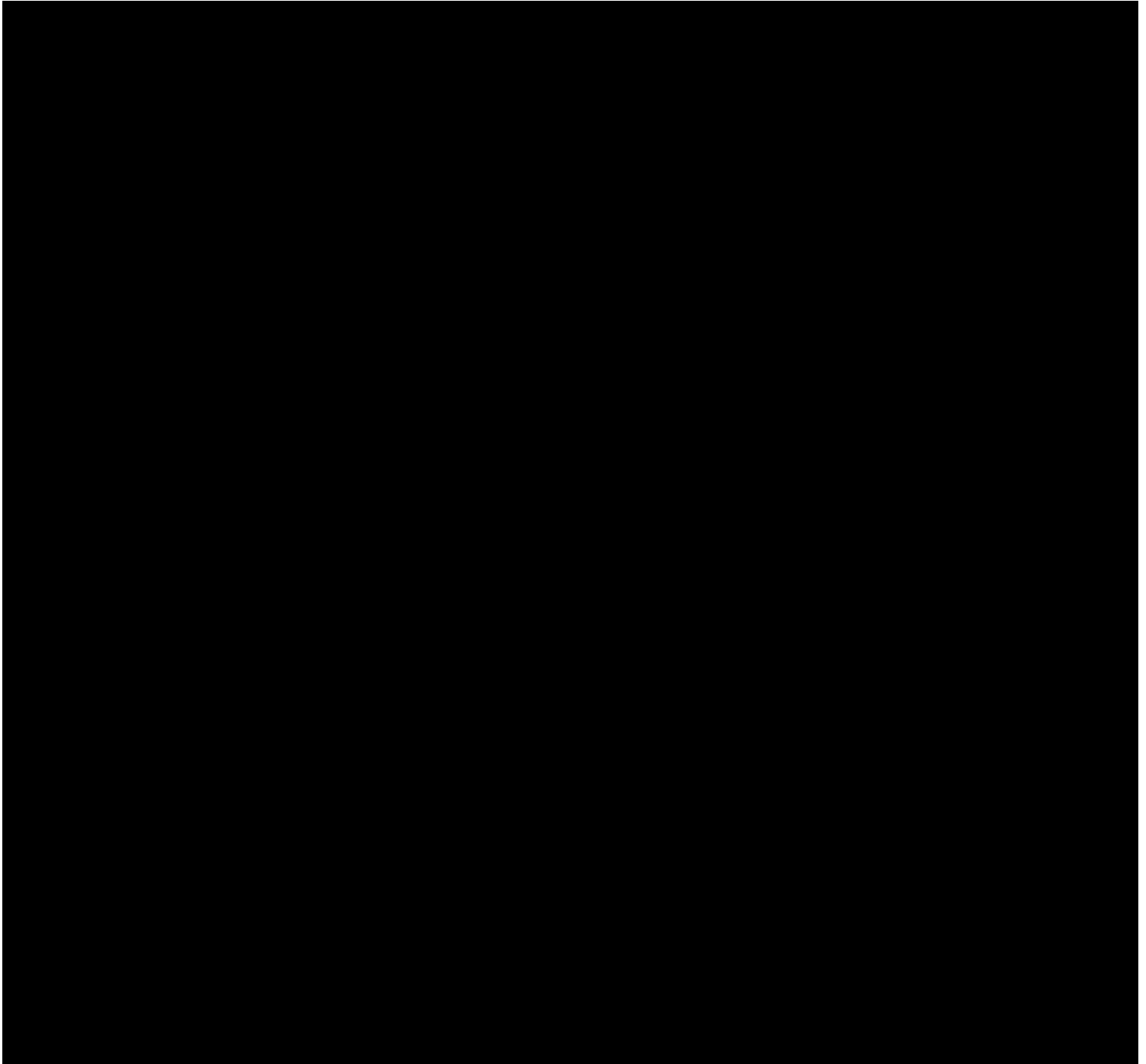
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**ATTACHMENT 1**  
**LOAD BLOCK DESCRIPTIONS**

<b>Load Block</b>	<b>Customer Group</b>	<b>SMD Load Zone</b>	<b>Load Share</b>	<b>Type of Service</b>	<b>Period</b>
A	Industrial	SEMA	100%	MA Default Service	08/01/09 – 10/31/09
B	Industrial	WCMA	100%	MA Default Service	08/01/09 – 10/31/09
C	Industrial	NEMA	100%	MA Default Service	08/01/09 – 10/31/09
D	Large	NH	100%	NH Default Service	08/01/09 – 10/31/09

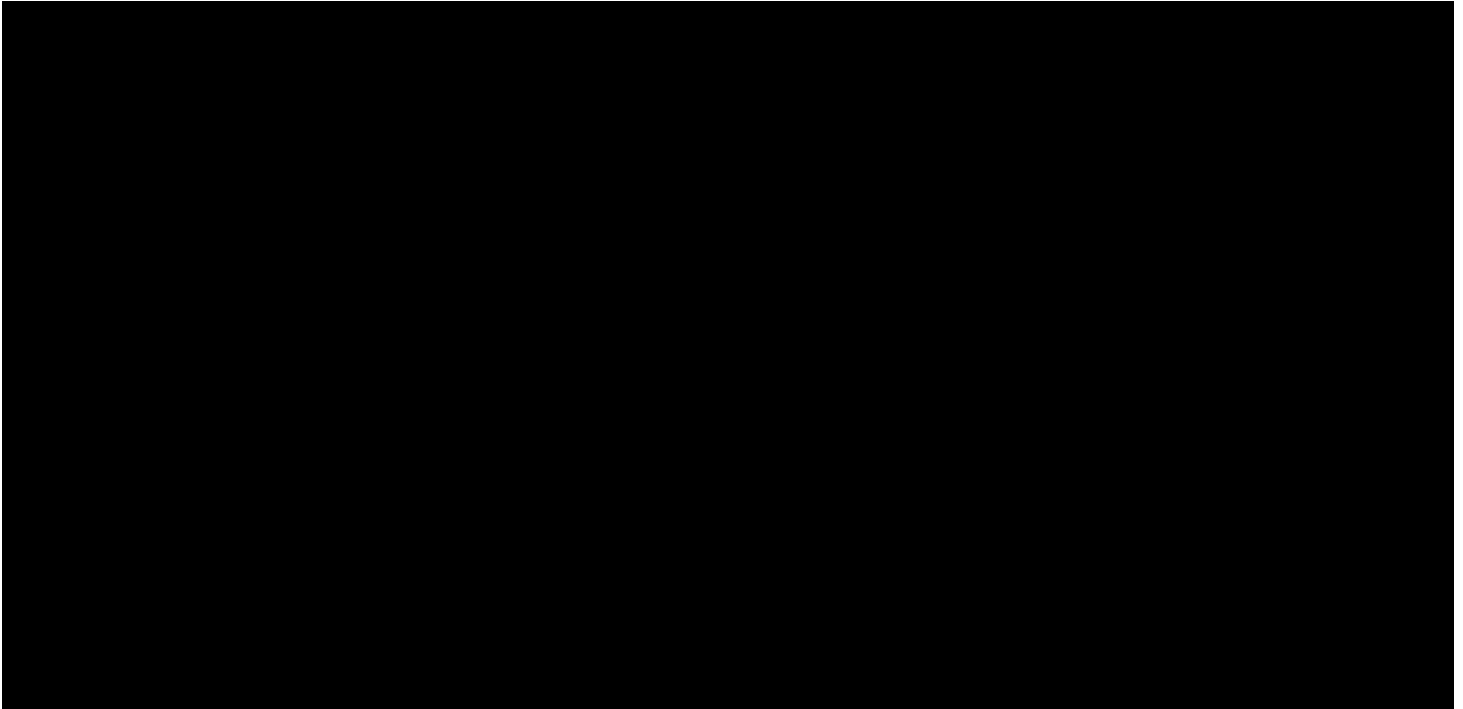
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**ATTACHMENT 2**  
**INDICATIVE BID RANKING AT WHOLESALE**  
**BLOCKS A – C**



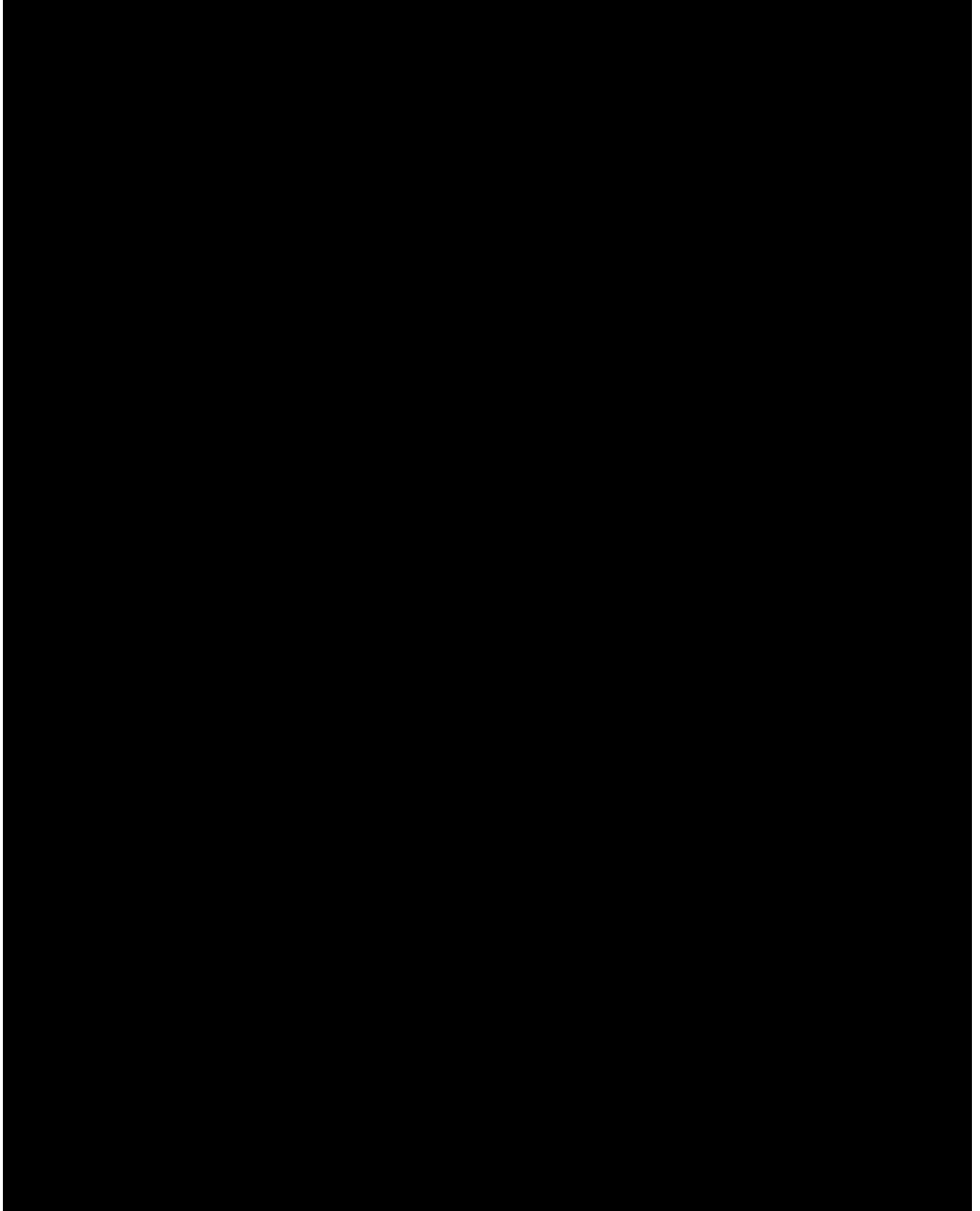
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**ATTACHMENT 2**  
**INDICATIVE BID RANKING AT WHOLESALE**  
**BLOCK D**



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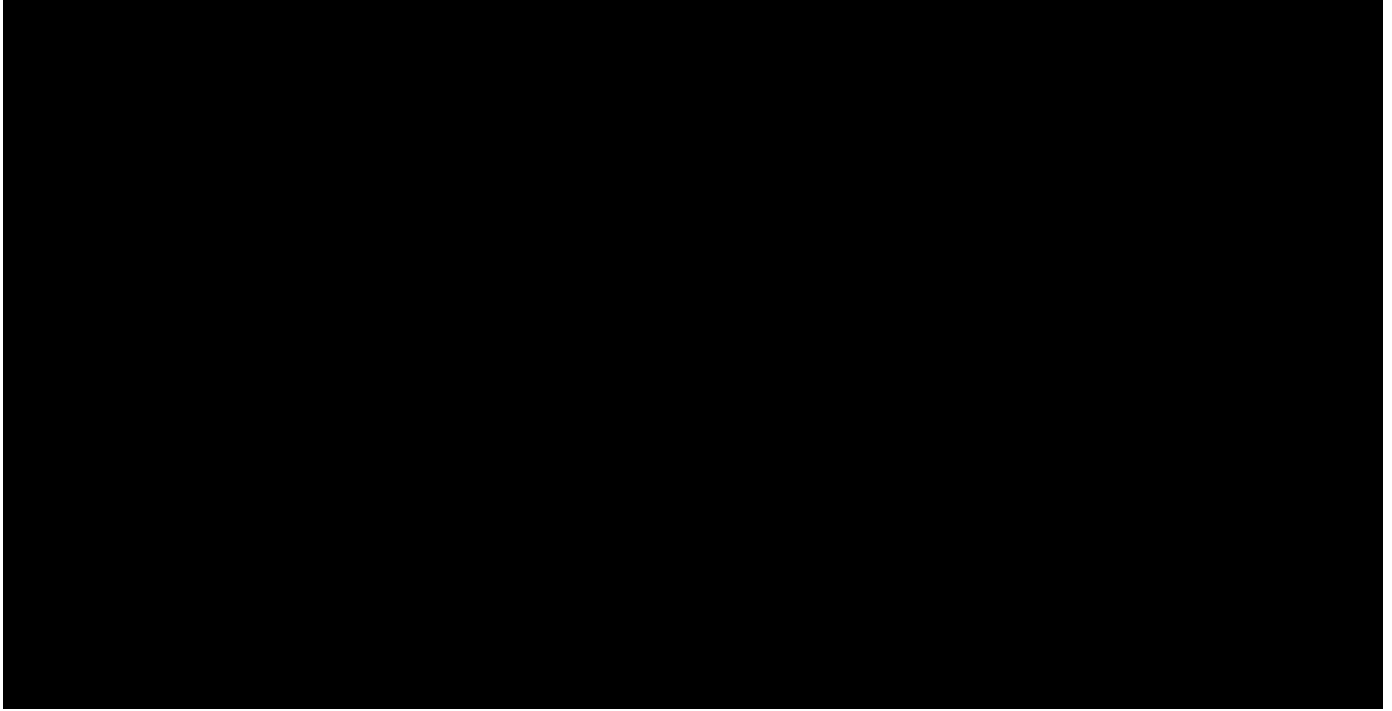
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**INDICATIVE BID RANKING AT RETAIL**  
**BLOCKS A –C**





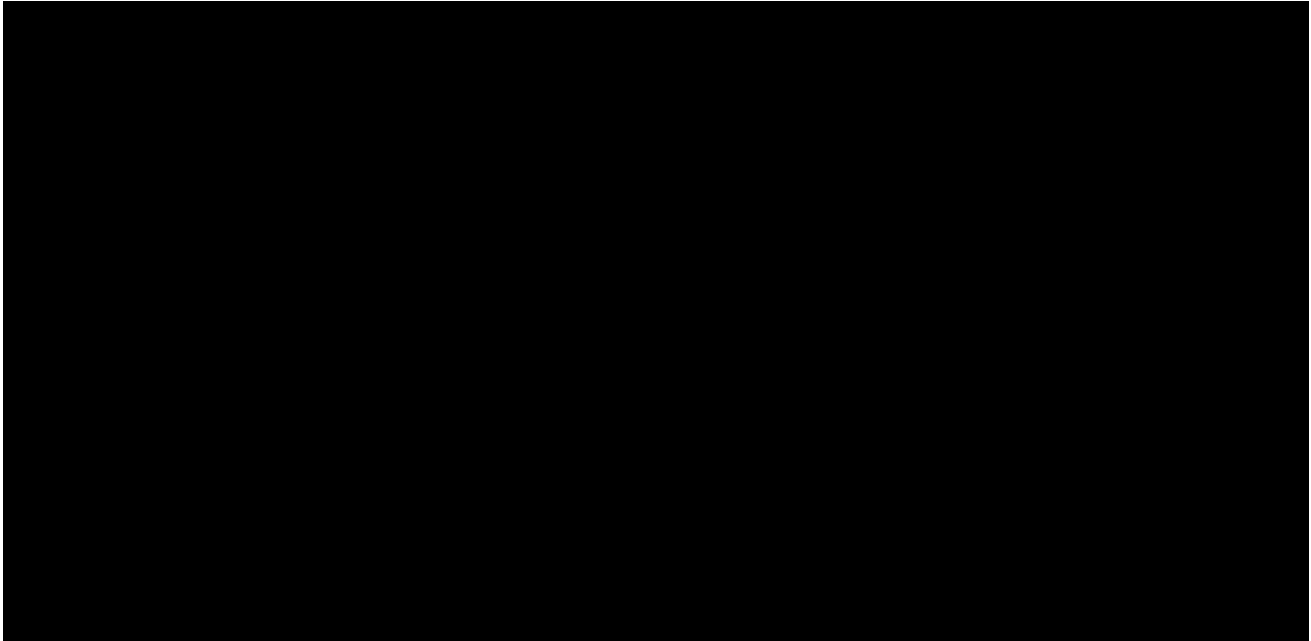
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BLOCK D**



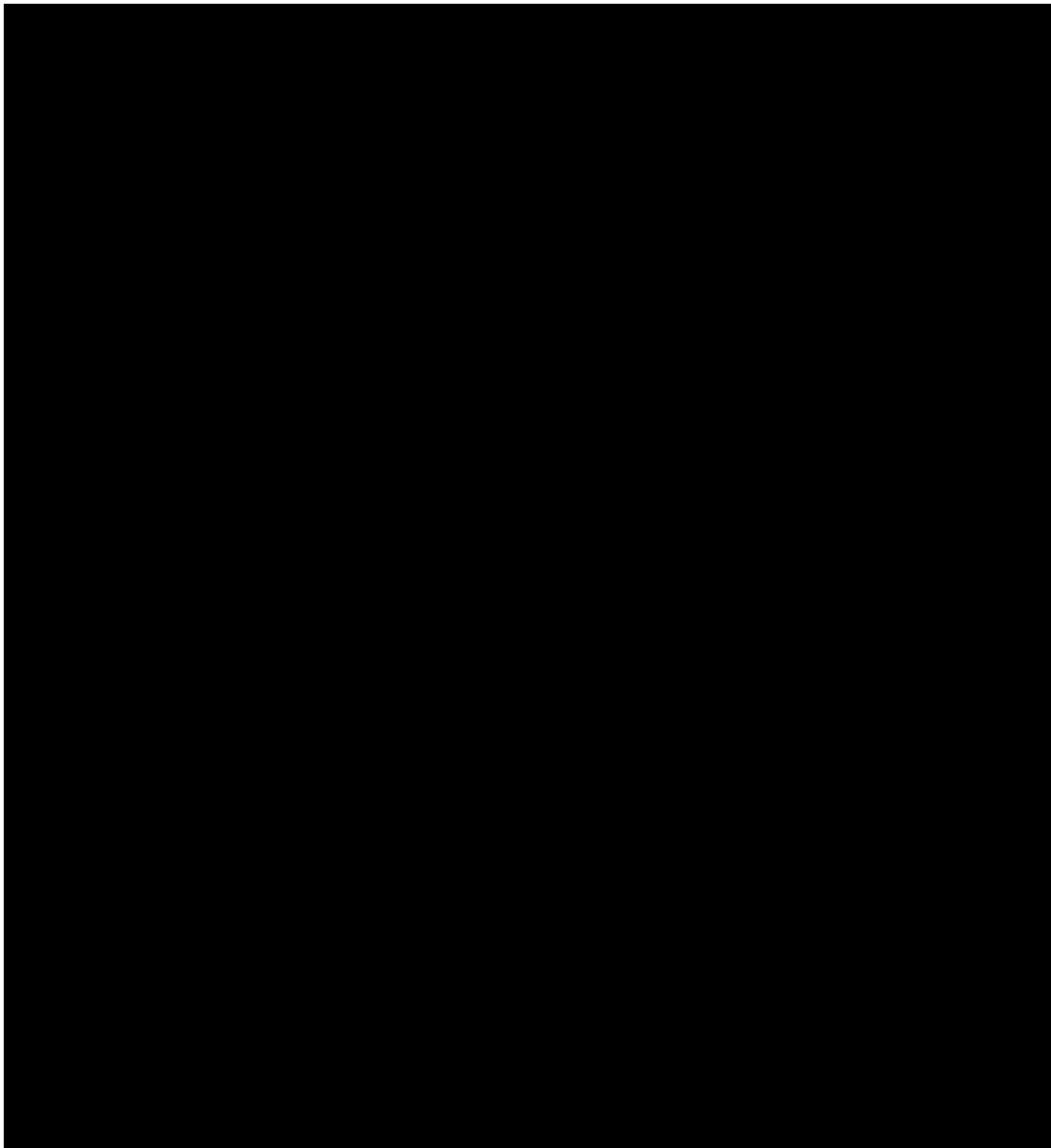
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**ATTACHMENT 4  
ESTIMATED INDICATIVE PRICES  
FORECAST BASED ON NYMEX ELECTRICITY FUTURES**



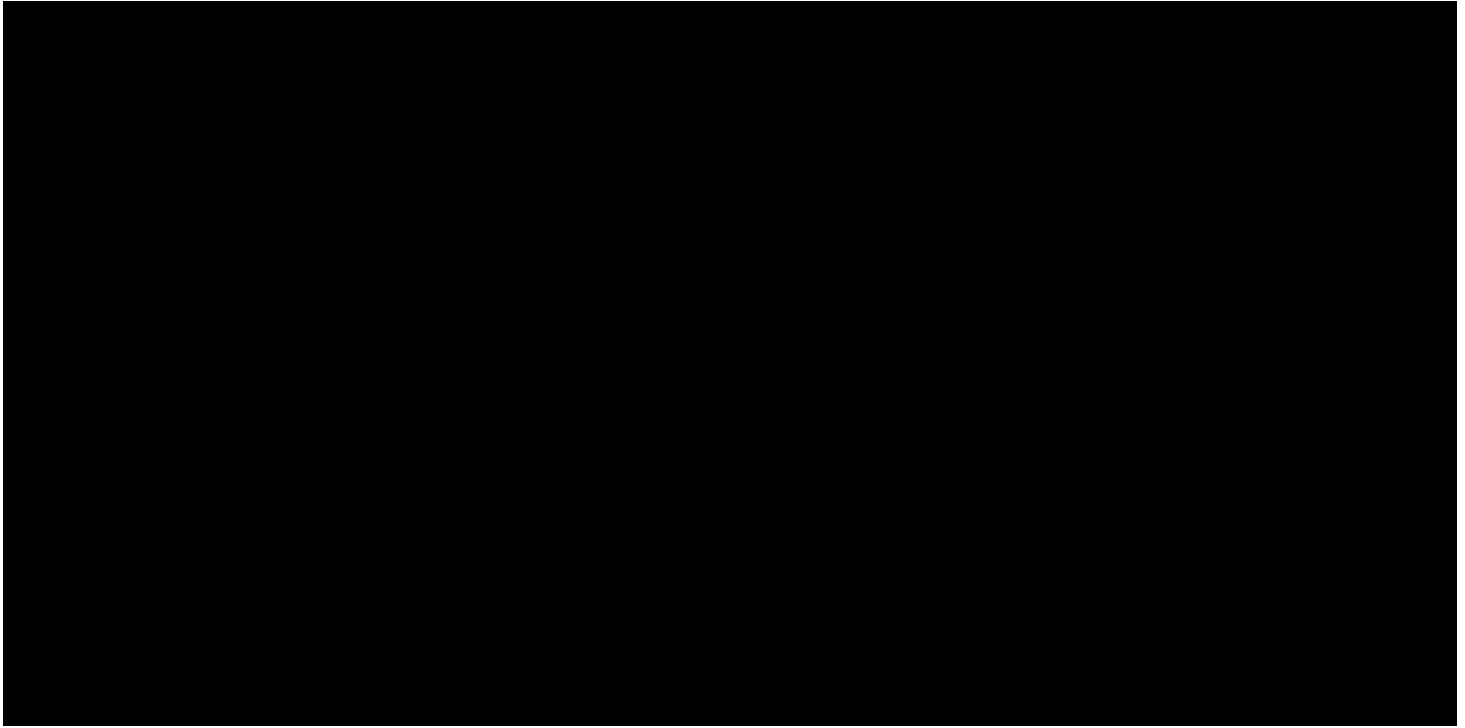
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**ATTACHMENT 5**  
**FINAL BID RANKING AT WHOLESALE**  
**WITHOUT RPS (\$/MWh)**  
**BLOCKS A – C**



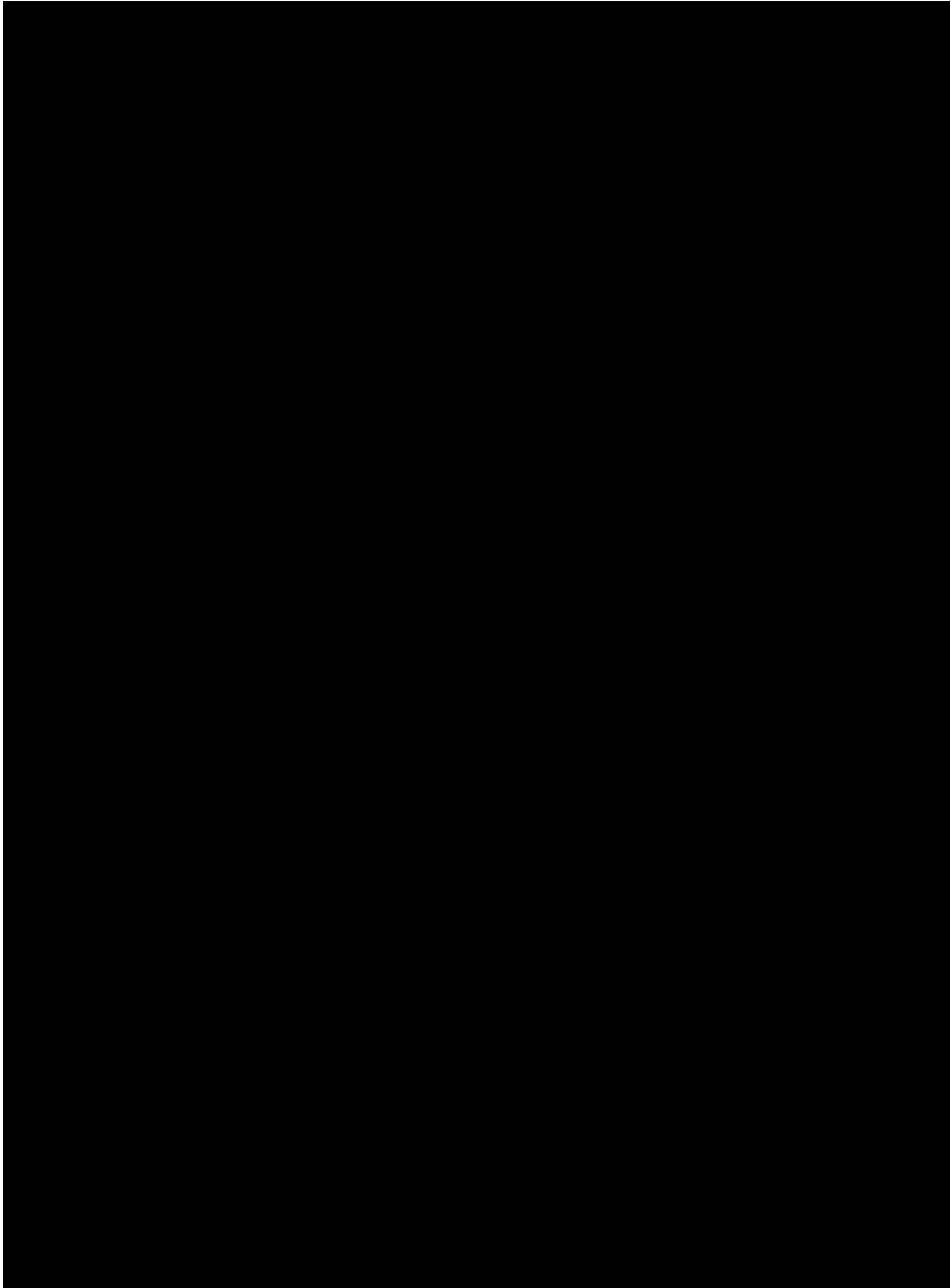
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**ATTACHMENT 5  
FINAL BID RANKING AT WHOLESALE  
WITHOUT RPS (\$/MWh)  
BLOCK D**



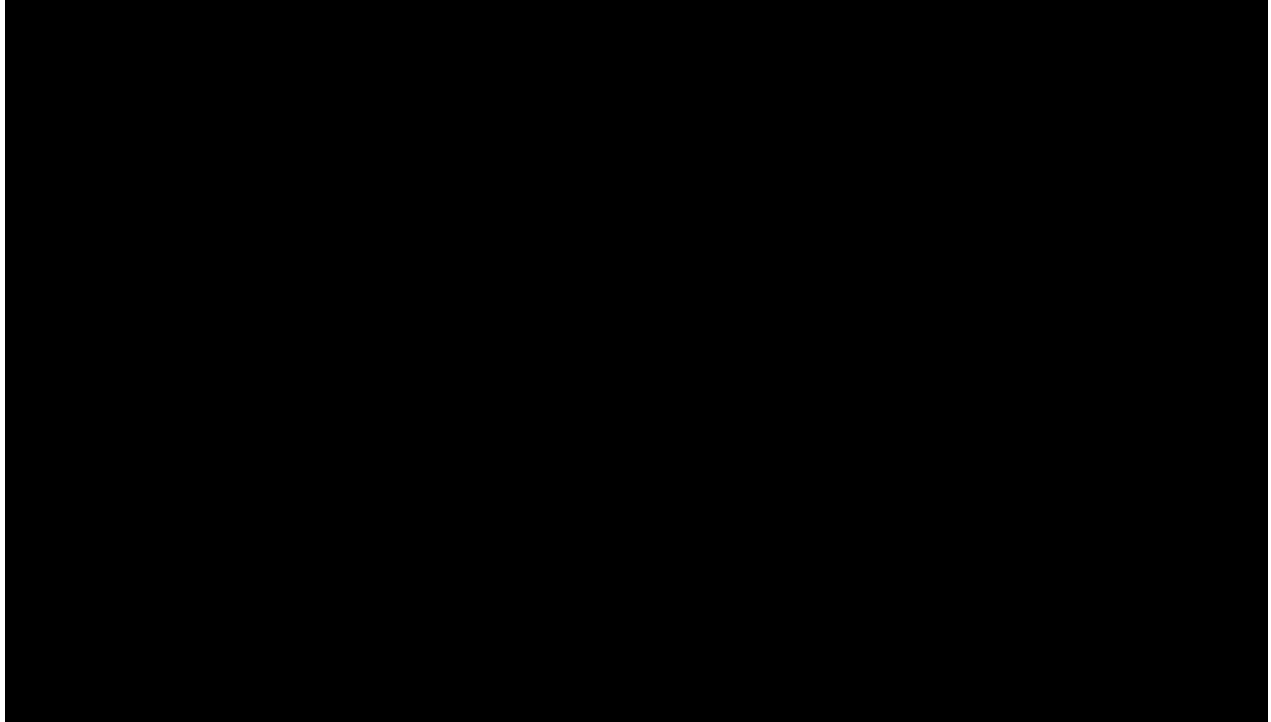
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**ATTACHMENT 6  
FINAL BID RANKING AT RETAIL  
WITHOUT RPS (¢/kWh)**



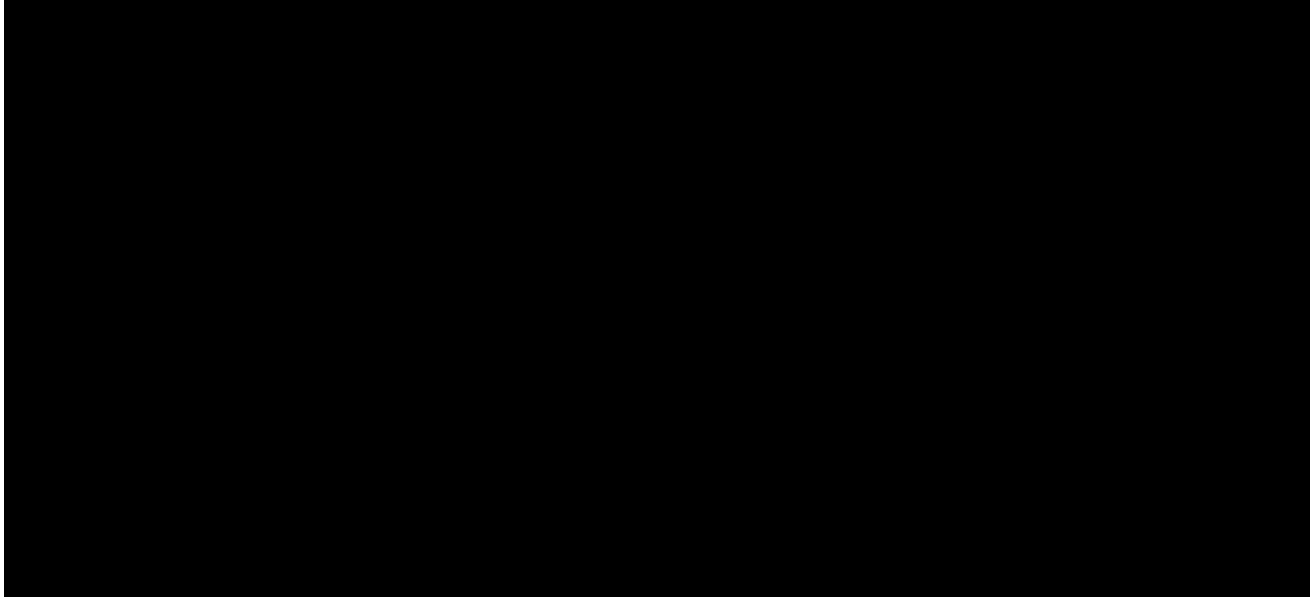
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BLOCK D**



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**ATTACHMENT 7**  
**ESTIMATED FINAL PRICES**  
**FORECAST BASED ON NYMEX ELECTRICITY FUTURES**  
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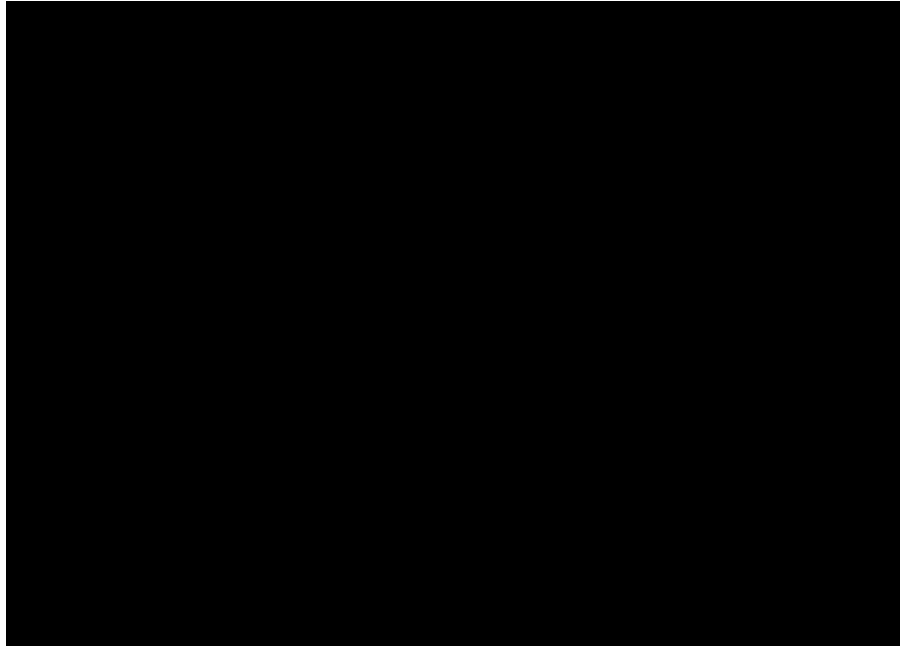
**ATTACHMENT 8**  
**SUMMARY OF LOAD BLOCK AWARDS**

Load Block	Customer Group	Load Zone	Supplier	Basis for Award
A	Industrial	SEMA		Lowest bidder for block
B	Industrial	WCMA		Lowest bidder for block
C	Industrial	NEMA		Lowest bidder for block
D	Large	NH		Lowest bidder for block



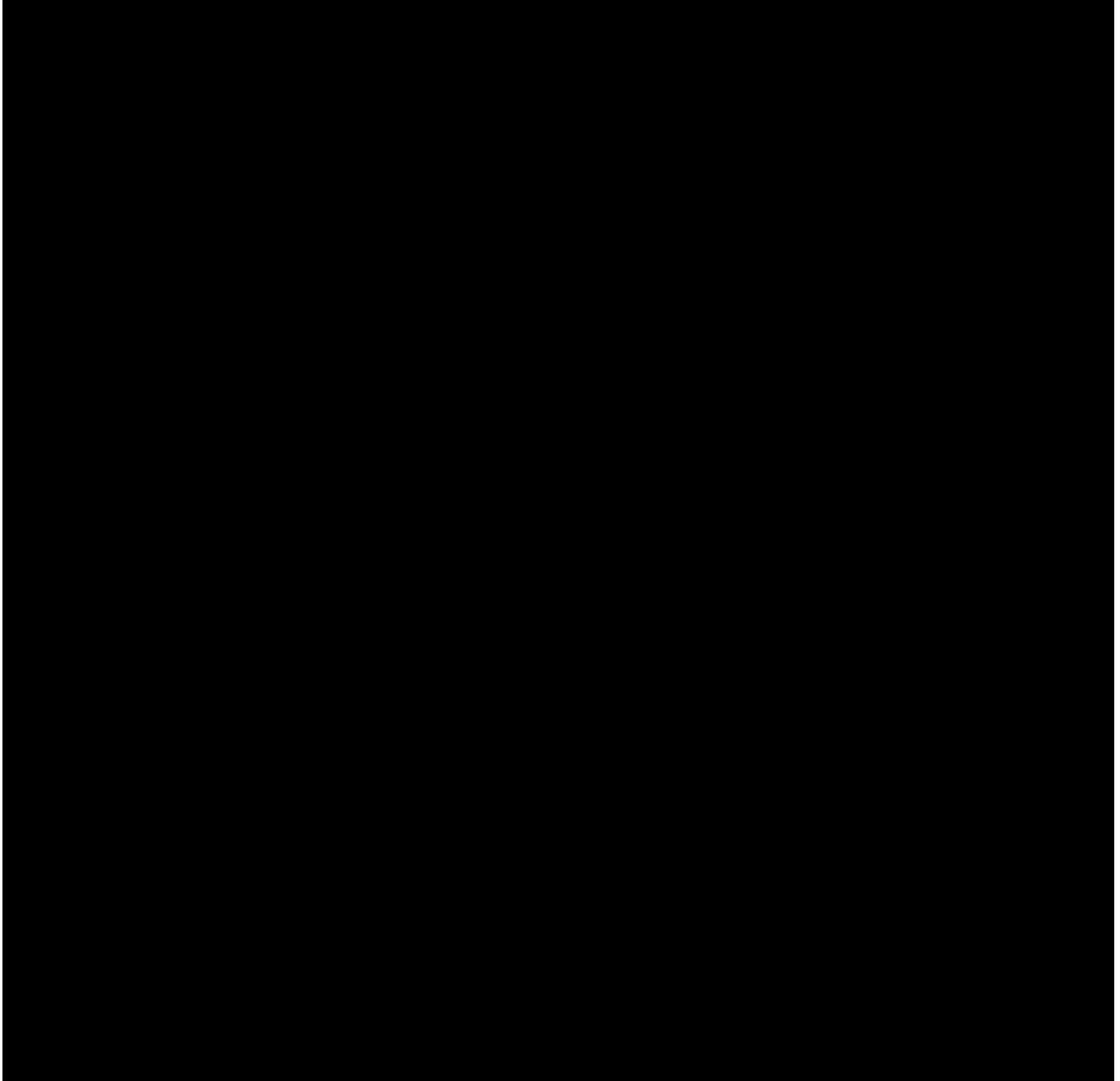
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**ATTACHMENT 9**  
**BIDDER KEY**



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**ATTACHMENT 10**  
**SUMMARY OF RPS & RES BIDS**



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**ATTACHMENT 11**  
**RPS COST ADDER CALCULATION**

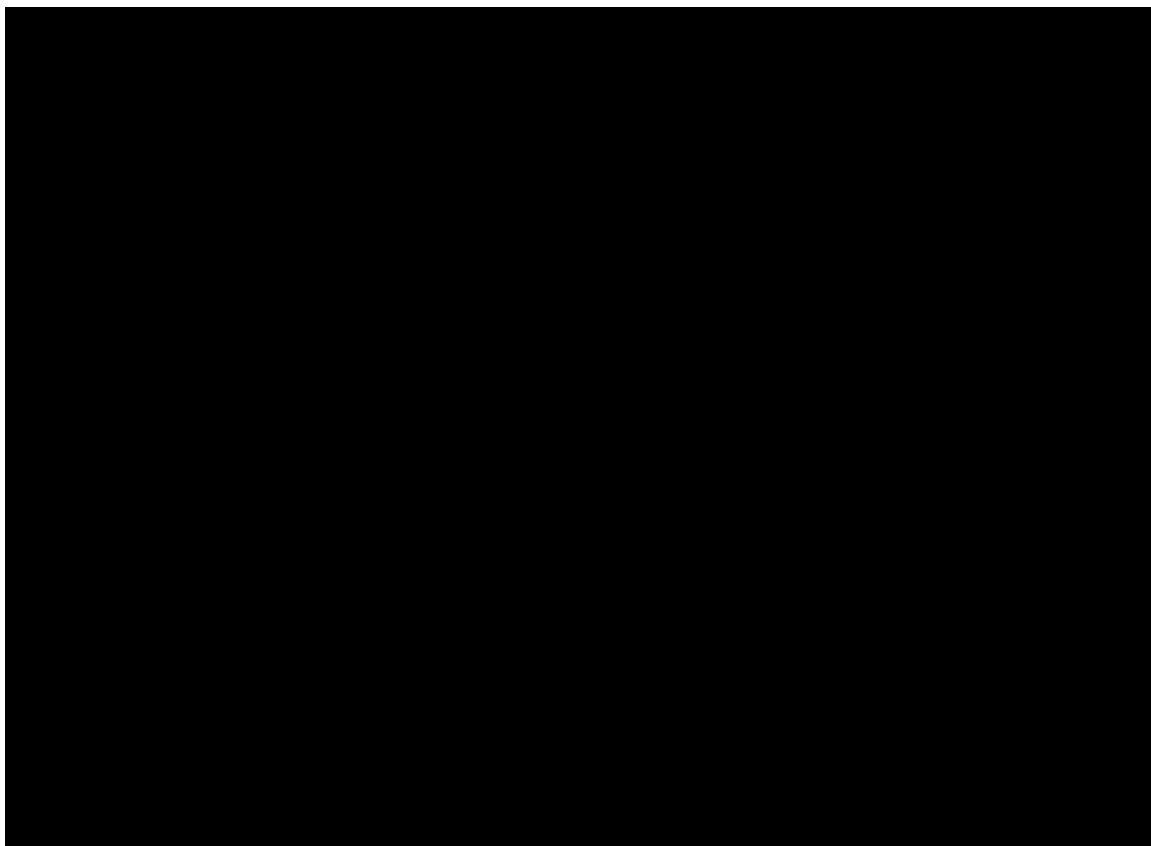
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	<b>2009</b>	<b>2009</b>
	<b>ACP</b>	<b>Market</b>
<b><u>Section 1: Calculation of RPS Class I Renewable Generation Resource Charge</u></b>		
(1) RPS Class II Renewable Generation Resource Alternative Compliance Payment	\$60.92	\$34.00
(2) RPS Class II Renewable Generation Resource Obligation	4.00%	4.00%
(3) Incremental Cost - \$/MWh	\$2.44	\$1.36
<b><u>Section 2: Calculation of RPS Class II Renewable Generation Resource Charge</u></b>		
(1) RPS Class II Renewable Generation Resource Alternative Compliance Payment	\$25.00	\$2.50
(2) RPS Class II Renewable Generation Resource Obligation	3.60%	3.60%
(3) Incremental Cost - \$/MWh	\$0.90	\$0.09
<b><u>Section 3: Calculation of RPS Class II Waste Energy Resource Charge</u></b>		
(1) RPS Class II Waste Energy Resource Alternative Compliance Payment	\$10.00	\$10.00 No Broker Info
(2) RPS Class II Waste Energy Resource Obligation	3.50%	3.50%
(3) Incremental Cost - \$/MWh	\$0.35	\$0.35
<b><u>Section 4: Calculation of APS Resource Charge</u></b>		
(1) APS Alternative Compliance Payment	\$20.00	\$20.00 No Broker Info
(2) APS Obligation	1.00%	1.00%
(3) Incremental Cost - \$/MWh	\$0.20	\$0.20
<b><u>Section 5: Calculation of RPS/APS Adder</u></b>		
(4) Sum of Class I, Class II and APS Incremental Costs - \$/MWh	\$3.89	\$2.00
(5) Total RPS/APS Obligation %	12.10%	12.10%
(6) Obligation Weighted ACP cost	\$32.15	\$16.53

**Notes**

- (1) 2009 ACP  
2010 ACP based on CPI increase from 2008 to 2009, as published by DOER.
- (2) From 225 CMR 15 or 16
- (3) Line (1) times Line (2)
- (4) Sum of all Line 3's
- (5) CPI Adjustment 1.03988

**REDACTED DOCUMENT**

**ATTACHMENT 12**  
**RETAIL RATES BASED ON FINAL BID PRICES**





Granite State Electric Company d/b/a National Grid

Docket No. DE 09-010

Witness: J. D. Warshaw

### **SCHEDULE JDW – 3**

#### **Comparison of Change in Futures Prices to Change in Procurement Costs**

# Granite State Electric Company

## Comparison of Change in Futures Prices to Change in Procurement Costs

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Notes:

1) Hourly weighted average = 42% On Peak + 58% Off-Peak prices





Granite State Electric Company d/b/a National Grid

Docket No. DE 09-010

Witness: J. D. Warshaw

## **SCHEDULE JDW – 4**

**Default Service Contract for the Large Customer Group  
August 1, 2009 through October 31, 2009**

## **MASTER POWER AGREEMENT CONFIRMATION**

This Confirmation shall confirm the Transaction agreed to on, and effective as of June 11, 2009, between **GRANITE STATE ELECTRIC COMPANY** (“Granite” or “Buyer”), a New Hampshire corporation and [REDACTED] (“**Seller**”), regarding the sale/purchase of Default Service specified herein under the terms and conditions under the Master Power Agreement, dated March 15, 2007, (the “Master Power Agreement”) between Buyer and Seller, as specified and modified herein. Terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Master Power Agreement.

### **1. Confirmation Effective Date; Condition Precedent; Filing Obligation; Term**

This Confirmation shall be binding on the Parties upon execution by both Parties (such date the “Confirmation Effective Date”). Promptly after execution by both Parties, Buyer shall submit the Default Service retail rates to the NHPUC for its approval. The Parties performance of Sections 3.2 through 6.4 of the Master Power Agreement are subject to the occurrence, on or before the fifth Business Day after (but not including) the Buyer’s submission of the Default Service retail rates to the NHPUC (the “Fifth Day”), for the approval by the NHPUC. If the NHPUC does not issue a decision approving Buyer’s request to approve the Default Service retail rates as filed on or before the Fifth Day (a “NHPUC Denial”), then this Confirmation shall be null and void and of no further force and effect, and neither Party shall have any obligation whatsoever to the other Party, and such a voiding of the Confirmation and the NHPUC Denial shall not be a default or constitute an Event of Default by either Party; provided, however, that neither Party shall undertake any action with the NHPUC or otherwise in opposition of approval by the NHPUC of the Master Power Agreement or the Confirmation as executed.

### **2. Default Service Requirements Matrix**

[REDACTED]			
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### **3. Contract Rate - \$/MWh**

[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
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### **4. Load Asset Designation within the ISO Settlement Market System**

[REDACTED]			
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**5. Renewable Portfolio Requirement**

[REDACTED]

**6. Amount Payable**

[REDACTED]

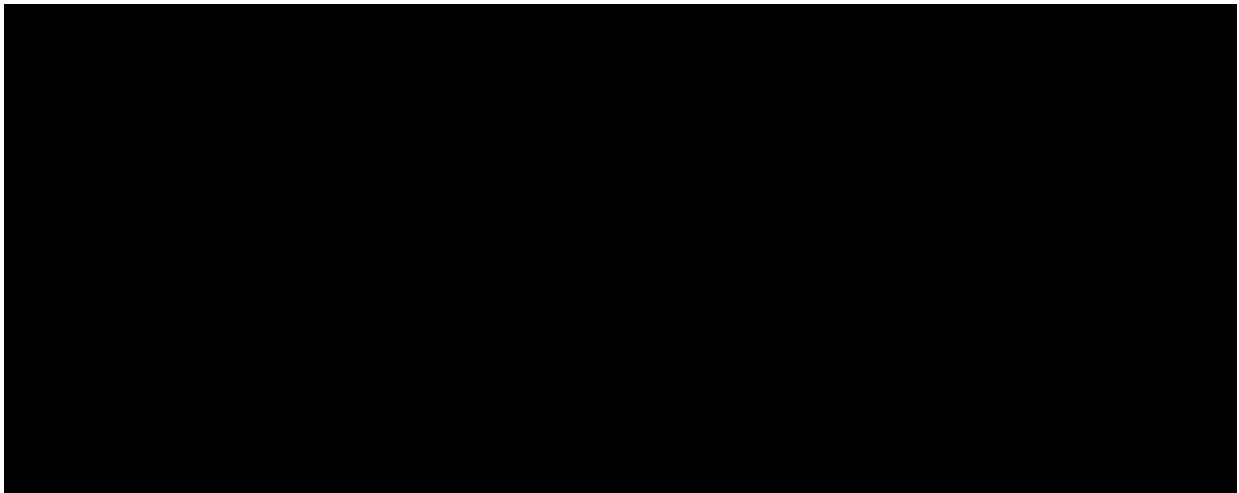
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**7. Modifications to the Master Power Agreement**

None

**8. Security**

[REDACTED]



**9. Confidentiality**

Articles 2, 3 4, 5, and 8 of this Confirmation are Confidential Terms within the meaning of Article 23 of the Master Power Agreement.

**10. Ratification of the Terms and Conditions of the Agreement**

(a) Except as expressly amended or waived by this Confirmation, the terms, conditions, covenants, agreements, warranties and representations contained in the Master Power Agreement are in all respects ratified, confirmed and remade as of the date hereof and, except as amended or waived hereby, shall continue in full force and effect.

(b) Nothing in this Confirmation shall, or shall be construed to, alter or amend any other Confirmation.

**11. Counterparts**

This Confirmation may be executed in counterparts, all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

This Confirmation constitutes part of and is subject to the terms and provisions of such Master Power Agreement.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have caused their duly authorized representatives to execute this Confirmation on their behalf as of the date first above written.

**GRANITE STATE ELECTRIC COMPANY**

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Name: Margaret M. Janzen  
Title: Authorized Signatory



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Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**EXECUTION COPY**

**FIRST AMENDMENT TO MASTER POWER AGREEMENT**

**THIS FIRST AMENDMENT** to the Master Power Agreement executed as of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of June 2009 by and between **GRANITE STATE ELECTRIC COMPANY**, a New Hampshire corporation (the “Buyer”) and [REDACTED] (“Seller”). The Buyer and Seller are referred to herein individually as a “Party” and collectively as the “Parties”.

**RECITALS**

A. Seller and Buyer executed that certain Master Power Agreement dated as of March 15, 2007 pursuant to which Seller has agreed to sell and Buyer has agreed to be the supplier of firm, load-following power to meet the Buyer’s Default Service Requirements (the “**Agreement**”).

B. The Seller and Buyer desire to amend the provisions of the Agreement as more fully set forth herein.

**AGREEMENT**

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and the mutual covenants and promises contained herein, the Parties do hereby agree as follows:

1. Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings assigned to them in the Agreement.
2. The following definitions are added:

**Alternative Compliance Payment Rate** means the value as published by the NH PUC (as defined below) in accordance with Puc 2503.02 of the New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules.

**Bid Proxy Price** means, the product of (a) the Reference New England Internal Hub Price as set forth in the Confirmation for the applicable Transaction, (b) the Resulting Bid Factor for a calendar month, and (c) the Adjustment Factor, all for the applicable Transaction.

**Class I NEPOOL-GIS Certificate** means a NEPOOL-GIS Certificate from a resource that represents Class I Renewable Generation Attributes (as defined below).

**Class I Renewable Generation Attributes** means a “Class I source” as defined in Puc 2502.07 of the New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules, as may be amended from time to time.

**Class II NEPOOL-GIS Certificate** means a NEPOOL-GIS Certificate from a resource that represents Class II Renewable Generation Attributes (as defined below).

**Class II Renewable Generation Attributes** means a “Class II source” as defined in Puc 2502.08 of the New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules, as may be amended from time to time.

**Class III NEPOOL-GIS Certificate** means a NEPOOL-GIS Certificate from a resource that represents Class III Renewable Generation Attributes.

**Class III Renewable Generation Attributes** means a “Class III source” as defined in Puc 2502.09 of the New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules, as may be amended from time to time.

**Class IV NEPOOL-GIS Certificate** means a NEPOOL-GIS Certificate from a resource that represents Class IV Renewable Generation Attributes.

**Class IV Renewable Generation Attributes** means a “Class IV source” as defined in Puc 2502.10 of the New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules, as may be amended from time to time.

**Commodity Business Day** means Monday through Friday, excluding NERC Holidays.

**Credit Support Annex or CSA** means the credit support annex mutually agreed to and executed by the Parties, in the form set forth as Appendix D hereto and incorporated by reference herein.

**Daily Proxy Settlement Amount** means, for a given day, the product of (a) the Expected Daily Load and (b) the Proxy Price for such day minus the Bid Proxy Price.

**NERC** means the North American Electric Reliability Council.

**New England Internal Hub Price** means for each day remaining in the current calendar month and each day in all future calendar months during the term of this Transaction : (A) the sum of (x) the product of the applicable On-Peak ISO New England Internal Hub Price times the number of On-Peak Hours in such day and (y) the product of the applicable Off-Peak New England Internal Hub Price times the number of Off-Peak hours in such day and (B) then divided by twenty four (24).

**New Hampshire Electric Renewable Portfolio Standard Law** means the provisions of New Hampshire RSA 362-F et seq. that require all retail electricity suppliers who provide electricity to end-use customers in New Hampshire to source a minimum percentage of their electricity sales from certain renewable energy generating resources beginning on January 1, 2008, as more explicitly provided for in regulations set forth in the New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules, Chapter Puc 2500 et. seq., as such regulations may be amended from time to time.

**NYMEX** means the New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc., its successors and assigns.

**Off-Peak Hour** means any hour that is not an On-Peak Hour.

**Off-Peak ISO New England Internal Hub Price** means, in a given month, the ISO New England Off-Peak LMP Swap price as published by NYMEX on a Valuation Date and represented by the NYMEX trading symbol KI.

**On-Peak Hour** means Hour Ending (“HE”) 08:00 EPT through HE 23:00 EPT on any Commodity Business Day.

**On-Peak ISO New England Internal Hub Price** means, in a given month, the ISO New England Internal Hub Peak LMP Swap price as published by NYMEX on a Valuation Date and represented by the NYMEX trading symbol NI.

**Proxy Price** means, for a given day, the product of (a) the New England Internal Hub Price for such day, (b) the Resulting Bid Factor for a calendar month, and (c) the Adjustment Factor.

**Resulting Bid Factor** means (A) the Contract Rate in a calendar month divided by (B) the Reference NYMEX New England Internal Hub Price for the same calendar month.

3. The definition of “**Credit Rating**” is deleted and replaced with the following:

“**Credit Rating** means, with respect to a Party (or its Credit Support Provider, as the case may be) or entity, on any date of determination, (1) the ratings assigned by Moody’s, S&P and/or the other specified rating agency or agencies to such Party’s (or its Credit Support Provider’s, as the case may be) or entity’s unsecured, senior, long-term debt not supported by third party credit enhancement, or (2) if the applicable entity does not have such a rating, then the rating assigned to such entity by Moody’s and/or S&P as its corporate credit rating or issuer rating, or (3) if the applicable entity is a financial institution, its unsecured, unsubordinated, long-term deposits by Moody’s, S&P and/or the other specified rating agency or agencies. In the event of an inconsistency in ratings by the rating agencies (a “split rating”), the lowest rating assigned shall control.”

4. The definition of “**NE-GIS Certificates**” is deleted and replaced with the following:

“**NEPOOL-GIS Certificates** means an electronic record produced by the NEPOOL-GIS that identifies the relevant generation attributes of each MWh accounted for in the NEPOOL-GIS that comply with the New Hampshire Electric Renewable Portfolio Standard Law. NEPOOL-GIS Certificates shall conform to the eligibility criteria set forth in the New Hampshire Electric Renewable Portfolio Standard Law, and shall represent title to and claim over all environmental attributes associated with the specified MWh of generation.”

5. Section 3.7 is deleted and replaced with the following:

“At Seller's election, the Buyer shall provide notices contemplated by Sections 3.2, 3.3 and 3.4 via electronic file transfer. Such election shall only be effective when Seller (i) establishes a Windows or Unix file server with capability of sending and receiving File Transfer Protocol (“FTP”), files with Pretty Good Privacy (“PGP”), Encryption/Decryption, and (ii) verifies its ability to transfer files to and receive files from the Buyer at least fourteen (14) days prior to the day on which Seller desires to commence electronic receipt.”

6. Section 7.1(a)(ii) is deleted and replaced with the following:



“Failure of Buyer to satisfy its obligation to provide security when due and in accordance with the CSA.”

7. Section 7.1(b)(iii) is deleted and replaced with the following:

“Failure of Seller to satisfy its obligation to provide security when due and in accordance with the CSA.”

8. Section 7.1(c) is amended to add the following:

- (v) The failure of such Party to deliver or return Eligible Collateral as required under the CSA or the failure of such Party to pay Interest as required under the CSA and the continuation of such failure for two (2) Business Days after notice of that failure is given to that Party;
- (vi) The violation by such Party of any other obligation or agreement with respect to Credit Support under the CSA and the continuation of such violation for five (5) Business Days after notice of that failure is given to that Party.”

—. Section 7.2(a) is amended by replacing “(c)(iv)” in the tenth line with “(c)(vi)”

9. Section 7.2(b) is revised to replace “Article 7.3 (Security)” with “CSA.”

10. Section 7.3 is deleted in its entirety.

11. Buyer’s addresses in Section 8.1 are replaced with the following:

“Notices and other communications by Seller to the Buyer shall be addressed to:

Director, Electric Supply and Distributed Generation  
National Grid  
100 East Old Country Road  
Hicksville, NY 11801  
(516) 545-3282 (phone)  
(516) 545-3130 (fax)

and

Notices concerning Article 7 shall also be sent to:

General Counsel  
National Grid  
40 Sylvan Rd.  
Waltham, MA 02451-1120  
(781) 907-1000 (phone)  
(781) 907- 5701- (fax)”

12. Appendix B “Master Power Agreement Form of Confirmation” is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the Appendix B “Master Power Agreement Form of Confirmation)” attached hereto.
13. Appendix D “Credit Support Annex (NH Default Service),” a copy of which is attached hereto, is added to the Agreement.
14. The Agreement as modified by this First Amendment shall continue in full force and effect and this First Amendment shall constitute a part of the Agreement. All references in the Agreement to itself shall be deemed to be references to the Agreement as amended hereby and the Agreement as amended hereby shall be referred to as the "Agreement."
15. The undersigned Parties hereby ratify and confirm all of the provisions of the Agreement, as amended or modified by this First Amendment, and agree and acknowledge that the same, as so amended, remains in full force and effect.
16. This First Amendment may be signed in one or more counterparts, which, together, shall constitute a single document.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have caused their duly authorized representatives to execute this First Amendment on their behalf as of the date first above written.

**GRANITE STATE ELECTRIC COMPANY**

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Name: Margaret M. Janzen  
Title: Authorized Signatory



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Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_

## APPENDIX B

### MASTER POWER AGREEMENT FORM OF CONFIRMATION

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#### 2. Default Service Requirements Matrix

Award Block	Customer Group	Load Zone	Load Responsibility	Commencement Date	Conclusion Date
TBD	TBD	NH	100%	TBD	TBD

#### 3. Contract Rate - \$/MWh

Contract Rate	Month 1	Month 2	Month 3	Month 4	Month 5	Month 6
TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

#### 4. Load Asset Designation within the ISO Settlement Market System

<b>Award Block</b>	<b>Customer Group</b>	<b>Load Zone</b>	<b>Load Asset Number</b>	<b>Load Asset Name</b>
TBD	TBD	NH	TBD	TBD

## 5. Renewable Portfolio Requirement

For each calendar month during the term of this Transaction the sum of:

- i) The Class I RPS Requirement shall mean the product of (a) Delivered Energy in a calendar month and (b) the Class I RPS obligation of TBD PERCENT (X.X%), plus
- ii) The Class II RPS Requirement shall mean the product of (a) Delivered Energy in a calendar month and (b) the Class II RPS obligation of TBD PERCENT (X.X%), plus
- iii) The Class III RPS Requirement shall mean the product of (c) Delivered Energy in a calendar month and (d) the Class III RPS obligation of TBD PERCENT (X.X%), plus
- iv) The Class IV RPS Requirement shall mean the product of (e) Delivered Energy in a calendar month and (f) the Class IV RPS obligation of TBD PERCENT (X.X%).

## 6. Amount Payable

The amount payable by the Buyer to Seller in a month shall be:

- (i) The product of (a) the Delivered Energy for Default Service to the Large Customer Group and (b) Large Customer Group Contract Rate in the month plus,
- (ii) The product of (a) the Delivered Energy for Default Service to the Small Customer Group and (b) Small Customer Group Contract Rate in the month plus,
- (iii) the product of (c) the number Class I NEPOOL-GIS Certificates delivered in a month and (d) the applicable Alternative Compliance Payment plus,
- (iv) the product of (c) the number Class II NEPOOL-GIS Certificates delivered in a month and (d) the applicable Alternative Compliance Payment plus
- (v) the product of (e) the number of Class III NEPOOL-GIS Certificates delivered in a month and (d) the applicable Alternative Compliance Payment plus,
- (vi) the product of (e) the number of Class IV NEPOOL-GIS Certificates delivered in a month and (d) the applicable Alternative Compliance Payment less,
- (vii) the product of (e) the Class I RPS Requirement in a month and (d) the applicable Alternative Compliance Payment less,
- (viii) the product of (e) the Class II RPS Requirement in a month and (d) the applicable Alternative Compliance Payment less
- (ix) the product of (e) the Class III RPS Requirement in a month and (d) the applicable Alternative Compliance Payment less,

- (x) the product of (e) the Class IV RPS Requirement in a month and (d) the applicable Alternative Compliance Payment.

[To be determined consistent with each transaction]

## 7. Modifications to the Master Power Agreement

[To be determined for each Transaction]

## 8. Security

### 8.1 Calculation of Exposure

Exposure shall be calculated in accordance with Paragraph 3 of the CSA, subject to the conditions and definitions below.

**Seller Independent Amount** means the amount set forth below, and is required through the dates listed in the table, *provided, that* if the Buyer Exposure is less than \$0, the Seller Independent Amount can be reduced as necessary:

Award Block	Customer Group	Load Zone	Amount of Security (USD)	Posting Required Through
TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

**Expected Daily Load** means the average daily load based upon 2 years of available actual loads for a given month, as specified in the following table:

Award Block	Customer Group	Load Zone	Month 1	Month 2	Month 3	Month 4	Month 5	Month 6
TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

**Adjustment Factor** is X.XX.

**Reference New England Internal Hub Price** means the prices as specified in the following table:

ISO New England Internal Hub Price	Month1	Month2	Month 3	Month 4	Month5	Month6
Off-Peak	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
On-Peak	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Reference New England Internal Hub Price**	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

\*\*The Reference New England Internal Hub price shall be calculated as ((Peak Price x number of Peak Hours in the Month) + (Off-Peak Price x number of Off-Peak Hours in the Month))/(Total Hours in the Month)), as applicable.

## **8.2 Delivery of Collateral**

Within five (5) Business Days after the execution of this Confirmation, Seller shall provide Buyer Collateral in accordance with Paragraph 3(a) of the Credit Support Annex of the Master Power Agreement, and in any of the forms specified in Paragraph 6 of the Credit Support Annex of the Master Power Agreement.

## **8.3 Buyer's Credit Requirement**

For the purposes of Paragraph 3(d) of the CSA, Buyer's Net Worth requirement shall be \_\_\_\_\_ DOLLARS (\$\_\_\_\_\_.00)

## **9. Confidentiality**

Articles 2, 3 4, 5, and 8 of this Confirmation are Confidential Terms within the meaning of Article 23 of the Master Power Agreement.

## **10. Ratification of the Terms and Conditions of the Agreement**

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This Confirmation may be executed in counterparts, all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

This Confirmation constitutes part of and is subject to the terms and provisions of such Master Power Agreement.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have caused their duly authorized representatives to execute this Confirmation on their behalf as of the date first above written.

**GRANITE STATE ELECTRIC COMPANY**

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Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_



## **APPENDIX D**

### **CREDIT SUPPORT ANNEX (MA Default Service)**

This Credit Support Annex to the Master Power Agreement (the “CSA”) is made and entered into by and between Buyer and Seller, as those terms are defined in the Master Power Agreement.

All provisions contained or incorporated by reference in the Master Power Agreement will govern this CSA except as expressly modified herein. Any terms capitalized, but not defined herein shall have the meaning given to them in the Master Power Agreement.

#### **Paragraph 1. Definitions.**

As used in this CSA, the following terms have the meanings specified below:

“**Cash**” means U.S. dollars held by or on behalf of a Party as Posted Collateral hereunder.

“**Collateral Account**” shall have the meaning specified in Paragraph 6(a)(iii)(B).

“**Credit Downgrade**” means with respect to Buyer, the failure to maintain the Buyer’s Credit Requirement, and with respect to a Qualified Institution, the credit rating of such Qualified Institution is less than “A3” by Moody’s or less than “A-” by S&P or does not have a Credit Rating from S&P or Moody’s.

“**Collateral Interest Rate**” means the daily effective federal funds rate as published in the applicable statistical release designated as H.12(510), or any successor publication by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. If such rate is expressed as a range, the Collateral Interest Rate shall equal the arithmetic average of such range.

“**Collateral Threshold**” shall have the meaning specified in Paragraph 3(c)(i).

“**Credit Downgrade**” means with respect to Buyer, the failure to maintain the Buyer’s Credit Requirement.

“**Custodian**” shall have the meaning specified in Paragraph 6(a)(i).

“**Delivery Amount**” shall have the meaning specified in Paragraph 4.

“**Disputing Party**” shall have the meaning specified in Paragraph 7.

“**Eligible Collateral**” shall have the meaning specified in Paragraph 3(c)(iii).

“**Exposure**” shall have the meaning specified in Paragraph 3(b).

“**Interest Amount**” means with respect to a Party and an Interest Period, the sum of the daily interest amounts for all days in such Interest Period; each daily interest amount to be determined by such Party as follows: (a) the amount of Cash held by such Party on that day (but excluding any interest previously earned on such Cash); *multiplied by* (b) the Collateral Interest Rate for that day; *divided by* (c) 360

“**Interest Period**” means the period from (and including) the last Business Day on which an Interest Amount was Transferred by a Party (or if no Interest Amount has yet been Transferred by such Party, the Business Day on which Cash was Transferred to such Party) to (but excluding) the Business Day on which the current Interest Amount is to be Transferred.

***“Invoiced Amounts”*** shall have the meaning specified in Paragraph 3(b)(i)

***“Letter of Credit”*** shall mean an irrevocable, non-transferable, standby letter of credit, issued by a Qualified Institution utilizing a form acceptable to the party in

whose favor the letter of credit is issued. All costs relating to any Letter of Credit shall be for the account of the Pledgor.

***“Letter of Credit Default”*** shall mean with respect to an outstanding Letter of Credit, the occurrence of any of the following events (a) the issuer of such Letter of Credit shall fail to be a Qualified Institution (as defined below); (b) the issuer of the Letter of Credit shall fail to comply with or perform its obligations under such Letter of Credit if such failure shall be continuing after the lapse of any applicable grace period; (c) the issuer of the Letter of Credit shall disaffirm, disclaim, repudiate or reject, in whole or in part, or challenge the validity of, such Letter of Credit; (d) the Letter of Credit shall expire or terminate or have a Value of zero at any time the Pledgor is required to Transfer Eligible Collateral pursuant to Paragraph 4 below and the Pledgor has not Transferred replacement Eligible Collateral; or (e) any event analogous to an event specified in Section 7.1 (c) (i) and (ii) of the Agreement shall occur with respect to the issuer of such Letter of Credit; provided, however, that no Letter of Credit Default shall occur in any event with respect to a Letter of Credit after the time such Letter of Credit is required to be cancelled or returned to the Pledgor in accordance with the terms of this CSA.

***“Net Worth”*** means total assets, exclusive of intangible assets, less total liabilities, as reflected on the most recent balance sheet prepared by a certified public accountant as part of a certified financial statement in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles consistently applied in the business sector of the Seller.

***“Notification Time”*** shall mean 1:00 p.m. EPT on a Business Day.

***“Obligations”*** shall have the meaning specified Paragraph 2.

***“Seller”*** means either party, when that party (i) receives a demand for or is required to Transfer Eligible Collateral or (ii) has Transferred Eligible Collateral under this CSA.

***“Posted Collateral”*** means all Eligible Collateral and all proceeds thereof that have been Transferred to or received by the Secured Party under this CSA and not Transferred to the Pledgor or released by the Secured Party. Any Interest Amount or portion thereof not Transferred will constitute Posted Collateral in the form of Cash.

***“Potential Event of Default”*** means any event which, with the giving of notice or the lapse of time or both, would constitute an Event of Default.

***“Qualified Institution”*** means a major U.S. commercial bank or trust company, the U.S. branch office of a foreign bank or financial institution, in any case, organized under the laws of the United States or a political subdivision thereof having assets of at least \$10 billion and a Credit Rating of at least “A3” from Moody’s or “A-” from S&P.

***“Return Amount”*** shall have the meaning specified in Paragraph 5.

***“Reference Market-Maker”*** means a leading dealer in the relevant market that is not an affiliate of either party and is selected in a commercially reasonable manner from among dealers of the highest credit standing which satisfy all of the criteria that such party applies generally at the time in deciding whether to offer or to make an extension of credit.

***“Request Date”*** shall have the meaning specified in Paragraph 7.

**“Requesting Party”** means the party requesting the Transfer of Eligible Collateral or Posted Collateral, as the case might be.

**“Rounding Amount”** shall have the meaning specified Paragraph 3(c)(ii).

**“Secured Party”** means either party, when that party (i) makes a demand for or is entitled to receive Eligible Collateral or (ii) holds or is deemed to hold Posted Collateral under this CSA.

**“Seller’s Credit Support Provider”** means, Not Applicable.

**“Seller’s Independent Amount”** means none, unless otherwise specified in the applicable Confirmation.

**“Substitute Eligible Collateral”** shall have the meaning specified in Paragraph 6(f).

**“Transfer”** means, with respect to any Posted Collateral or Interest Amount, and in accordance with the instructions of the Party entitled thereto:

- (a) in the case of Cash, payment or transfer by wire transfer into one or more bank accounts specified by the Requesting Party; and
- (b) in the case of Letters of Credit, delivery of the Letter of Credit or an amendment thereto to the Requesting Party.

**“Valuation Agent”** means the Requesting Party; provided, however, that that in all cases, if an Event of Default or Potential Event of Default has occurred and is continuing with respect to the party designated as the Valuation Agent, then in such case, and for so long as the Event of Default or Potential Event of Default continues, the other party shall be the Valuation Agent.

**“Valuation Date”** means each Business Day.

**“Valuation Percentage”** shall have the meaning specified in Paragraph 3(c)(iii).

**“Valuation Time”** means the close of business on the Business Day before the Valuation Date or date of calculation, as applicable.

**“Value”** means, with respect to Posted Collateral or Eligible Collateral, means the Valuation Percentage multiplied by the amount then available under the Letter of Credit to be unconditionally drawn by the Secured Party.

**Paragraph 2. Encumbrance: Grant of Security Interest.** Pledgor hereby pledges to the Secured Party as security for all outstanding Transactions (collectively, the **“Obligations”**), and grants to the Secured Party a first priority continuing security interest, lien on, and right of set-off against all Posted Collateral delivered to or received by the Secured Party hereunder. Upon the return by the Secured Party to the Seller of Posted Collateral, the security interest and lien granted hereunder on that Posted Collateral will be released immediately and, to the extent possible, without further action by either Party.

**Paragraph 3. Calculations of Collateral Requirement.**

(a) **Collateral Requirement.** The “Collateral Requirement” for Seller means the Exposure, *minus the sum of*:

- (i) Seller’s Collateral Threshold;
- (ii) Seller’s Independent Amount, if any, as defined in the Confirmation;

- (iii) the amount of Cash previously Transferred to Buyer, and the amount of Cash held by Buyer as Posted Collateral as the result of drawing under any Letter of Credit; and
- (iv) the Value of each Letter of Credit maintained by Seller for the benefit of Buyer;

provided, however, that the Collateral Requirement of Seller will be deemed to be zero (0) whenever the calculation of Exposure yields a number equal to or less than zero (0).

(b) **Calculation of Exposure.** On any Valuation Date, the “***Exposure***” shall be calculated as *the sum of*:

- (i) all amounts that have been invoiced, but not yet paid for the Transaction under each Confirmation (“***Invoiced Amounts***”). Such amount shall be a positive number if owed by Seller to Buyer and a negative amount if owed from Buyer to Seller;
- (ii) all amounts that have been accrued, but not yet invoiced for the Transaction under each Confirmation (“***Accrued Amounts***”). Such amount shall be a positive number if owed by Seller to Buyer and a negative amount if owed from Buyer to Seller; and
- (iii) the Daily Proxy Settlement Amounts for each day remaining in the current Calculation Period and all future Calculation Periods for each Transaction (“***Proxy Settlement Amount***”);

(c) **Seller’s Collateral Threshold.**

(i) “***Seller’s Collateral Threshold***” means, the amount set forth below opposite the lowest Credit Rating for such party on the Valuation Date, *provided*, however, that the Threshold for Seller shall be zero (“0”) if on the Valuation Date, Seller does not have a Credit Rating from S&P or Moody’s or an Event of Default or a Potential Event of Default with respect to Seller has occurred and is continuing.

<u>Seller’s Collateral Threshold</u>	<u>Moody’s Credit Rating</u>	<u>S&amp;P Credit Rating</u>
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██████████	██████████	██████████
██	██████████	██████████

(ii) **Rounding.** The Delivery Amount, as defined below, will be rounded up, and the Return Amount, as defined below, will be rounded down, in each case to the nearest integral multiple of \$100,000 (“***Rounding Amount***”).

(iii) The following items will qualify as “***Eligible Collateral***” for the Party specified:

	<u>Seller</u>	<u>"Valuation Percentage"</u>
(A) Cash	[X]	100%
(B) Letters of Credit	[X]	100% unless either (i) a Letter of Credit Default shall have occurred and be continuing with respect to such Letter of Credit, or (ii) sixty (60) or fewer Business Days remain prior to the expiration of such Letter of Credit, in which cases the Valuation Percentage shall be zero (0).

(d) **Buyer's Collateral Requirement.**

(i) Buyer at all times shall maintain during the Term of each Transaction maintain a Net Worth at least equal to the amount specified in each Confirmation (the "Buyer's Credit Requirement"). Prior to the Confirmation Effective Date of each Transaction and at any time during the term of Transaction, upon the request of Seller, Buyer shall establish that it meets the Buyer's Credit Requirement by providing to Seller a certificate of an authorized officer, accompanied by supporting certified financial statements.

(ii) If at any time, Buyer fails to meet the Buyer's Credit Requirement, then Buyer shall Transfer to Seller Eligible Collateral in the an amount equal to the absolute value of Seller's Exposure. Such Eligible Collateral shall be Transferred on the next Business Day if the request is received by the Notification Time; or, if the request is received after the Notification Time, on the second Business Day.

(e) **Valuation Agent/Valuation Time.** All calculations with respect to Eligible Collateral or Posted Collateral, as the case may be shall be made by the Valuation Agent as of the Valuation Time on the Valuation Date.

**Paragraph 4. Delivery of Collateral.** On any Business Day during the remaining term hereof on which (a) no Event of Default, Potential Event of Default, Buyer Credit Requirement default, or Credit Downgrade has occurred and is continuing with respect to Secured Party, as applicable, (b) no Termination date has occurred or has been designated as a result of an Event of Default with respect to Secured Party for which there exist any unsatisfied payment Obligations, Secured Party and (c) Pledgor's Collateral Requirement exceeds \$1.00 then Secured Party may request, by written notice, that Pledgor Transfer to Secured Party, or cause to be Transferred to Secured Party, Eligible Collateral for the benefit of Secured Party, having a Value of at least the applicable Collateral Requirement ("***Delivery Amount***"). Such Eligible Collateral shall be delivered to Secured Party on the next Business Day if the request is received by the Notification Time; otherwise Eligible Collateral is due by the close of business on the second Business Day.

**Paragraph 5. Reduction and Substitution of Posted Collateral.** On any Business Day on which (a) no Event of Default, Potential Event of Default, Buyer Credit Requirement default, or Credit Downgrade has occurred and is continuing with respect to Pledgor, (b) no Termination date has occurred or has been designated as a result of an Event of Default with respect to Pledgor for which there exist any unsatisfied payment Obligations, and (c) the Eligible Collateral posted by Pledgor exceeds the Seller's Collateral Requirement or Buyer's Collateral Requirements, as the case may be (rounding downwards for any fractional amount to the next interval of the Rounding Amount), then Pledgor may, at its sole cost, request that Secured Party return Eligible Collateral in the amount of such difference ("**Return Amount**") and Secured Party shall be obligated to do so. Such Eligible Collateral shall be returned to Pledgor on the next Business Day if the request is received by the Notification Time; otherwise Eligible Collateral is due by the close of business on the second Business Day. The Parties agree that if Pledgor has posted more than one type of Eligible Collateral to Secured Party, Pledgor can, in its sole discretion, select the type of Eligible Collateral for Secured Party to return.

**Paragraph 6. Administration of Posted Collateral.**

(a) Cash. Posted Collateral provided in the form of Cash to Secured Party hereunder shall be subject to the following provisions.

(i) So long as no Event of Default or Credit Downgrade (as such provision applies to Buyer only and not the Qualified Institution) has occurred and is continuing with respect to Secured Party, Secured Party will be entitled to either hold Cash or to appoint an agent which is a Qualified Institution (a "**Custodian**") to hold Cash within the United States for Secured Party. In the event that an Event of Default, Potential Event of Default or Credit Downgrade has occurred and is continuing with respect to Secured Party, then the provisions of Paragraph 6(a)(ii) shall not apply with respect to Secured Party and Cash shall be held in a Qualified Institution in accordance with the provisions of Paragraph 6(a)(iii)(B). Upon notice by Secured Party to Pledgor of the appointment of a Custodian, Seller's obligations to make any Transfer will be discharged by making the Transfer to that Custodian. The holding of Cash by a Custodian will be deemed to be the holding of Cash by Secured Party for which the Custodian is acting. If Secured Party or its Custodian fails to satisfy any conditions for holding Cash as set forth above, or if Secured Party is not entitled to hold Cash at any time, then Secured Party will Transfer, or cause its Custodian to Transfer, the Cash to a Qualified Institution and the Cash shall be maintained in accordance with Paragraph 6(a)(iii)(B). Secured Party will be liable for the acts or omissions of the Custodian to the same extent that Secured Party would be held liable for its own acts or omissions.

(ii) Use of Cash. Notwithstanding the provisions of applicable law, if no Event of Default or Credit Downgrade (as such provision applies to Buyer only and not the Qualified Institution) has occurred and is continuing with respect to Secured Party and no Termination date has occurred or been designated as a result of an Event of Default with respect to Secured Party for which there exists any unsatisfied payment Obligations, then Secured Party shall have the right to sell, pledge, rehypothecate, assign, invest, use, commingle or otherwise use in its business any Cash that it holds as Posted Collateral hereunder

(iii) Notwithstanding Paragraph 6(a)(ii), if neither Secured Party nor the Custodian is eligible to hold Cash pursuant to Paragraph 6(a)(i) then:

(A) the provisions of Paragraph 6(a)(ii) will not apply with respect to the Secured Party; and

(B) the Secured Party shall be required to Transfer (or cause to be Transferred) not later than the close of business within one (1) Business Day following such ineligibility all Cash in its possession or held on its behalf to a Qualified Institution to be held in a segregated, safekeeping or custody account (the “***Collateral Account***”) within such Qualified Institution with the title of the account indicating that the property contained therein is being held as Posted Collateral for the Ownership of Seller, subject to the Security Interest of Secured Party. The Qualified Institution shall serve as Custodian with respect to the Cash in the Collateral Account, and shall hold such Cash in accordance with the terms of this CSA and execute such account control agreements as are necessary or applicable to perfect the security interest of Pledgor therein pursuant to Section 9-314 of the Uniform Commercial Code or otherwise, and subject to such security interest, for the ownership and benefit of the Secured Party.

(iv) **Interest.** So long as no Event of Default with respect to the Pledgor has occurred and is continuing, and no termination date for which any unsatisfied payment Obligations of Pledgor exist has occurred or been designated as the result of an Event of Default with respect to Seller, in the event that Secured Party or its Custodian is holding Cash, Secured Party will Transfer (or cause to be Transferred) to Pledgor, in lieu of any interest or other amounts paid or deemed to have been paid with respect to such Cash (all of which shall be retained by Secured Party), the Interest Amount. Interest on Cash shall accrue at the Collateral Interest Rate. Interest accrued during the previous month shall be paid by the Secured Party to the Pledgor on the 3rd Business Day of each calendar month and on any Business Day that posted Eligible Collateral in the form of Cash is returned to Pledgor, upon receipt of an invoice. On or after the occurrence of an Event of Default with respect to Pledgor or a termination date as a result of an Event of Default with respect to Pledgor, Secured Party or its Custodian shall retain any such Interest Amount as additional Posted Collateral hereunder until the obligations of Pledgor under the Agreement have been satisfied in the case of a termination date or for so long as such Event of Default is continuing in the case of an Event of Default.

(b) **Secured Party’s Rights and Remedies.** If at any time an Event of Default with respect to Pledgor has occurred and is continuing, then, unless the Pledgor has paid in full all of its obligations that are then due, including those under Section 7.2(c) of this Agreement (“Obligations”), the Secured Party may exercise one or more of the following rights and remedies: (i) all rights and remedies available to a Secured Party under applicable law with respect to posted Eligible Collateral held by the Secured Party, (ii) the right to set-off any amounts payable by the Pledgor with respect to any Obligations against any posted Eligible Collateral or the Cash equivalent of any posted Eligible Collateral held by the Secured Party, or (iii) the right to liquidate any posted Eligible Collateral held by the Secured Party and to apply the proceeds of such liquidation of the posted Eligible Collateral to any amounts payable to the Secured Party with respect to the Obligations in such order as the Secured Party may elect. For purposes of this Paragraph 6, the Secured

Party may draw on the entire undrawn portion of any Letter of Credit. Cash proceeds that are not applied to the Obligations shall be maintained in accordance with the terms of this CSA. The Pledgor shall remain liable for amounts due and owing to the Secured Party that remain unpaid after the application, pursuant to this Paragraph 6, of Eligible Collateral to the Obligations.

(c) **Pledgor's Rights and Remedies.** If at any time a termination date has occurred or been designated as the result of an Event of Default with respect to Secured Party, then unless the Secured Party has paid in full all of its obligations that are then due, including those under Section 7.2(c) of this Agreement: (i) the Pledgor may exercise all rights and remedies available to a Pledgor under applicable law with respect to the posted Eligible Collateral, (ii) the Secured Party will be obligated immediately to return all posted Eligible Collateral and accrued Interest Amount to the Pledgor, or (iii) to the extent that posted Eligible Collateral or accrued Interest Amount are not returned pursuant to (ii) above, the Pledgor may set-off any amounts payable by the Pledgor with respect to any Obligations against any posted Eligible Collateral or the cash equivalent thereof or to the extent that Pledgor does not set off such amounts, withhold payment of any remaining amounts payable by the Pledgor with respect to any Obligations, up to the value of the remain posted Eligible Collateral held by the Secured Party, until that posted Eligible Collateral is Transferred to the Pledgor. For avoidance of doubt, (i) the Secured Party will be obligated immediately to Transfer any Letter of Credit to the Pledgor and (ii) the Pledgor may do any one or more of the following: (x) to the extent that the Letter of Credit is not Transferred to the Pledgor as required pursuant to (i) above, set-off any amounts payable by the Pledgor with respect to any Obligations against any such Letter of Credit held by the Secured Party and, to the extent its rights to set-off are not exercised, withhold payment of any remaining amounts payable by the Pledgor with respect to any Obligations, up to the value of any remaining posted Eligible Collateral and the value of any Letter of Credit held by the Secured Party, until any such Posted Eligible Collateral and such Letter of Credit is Transferred to the Pledgor; and (y) exercise rights and remedies available to the Pledgor under the terms of the Letter of Credit.

(d) **Letters of Credit.** Eligible Collateral provided in the form of a Letter of Credit shall be subject to the following provisions.

(i) As one method of providing Eligible Collateral, the Pledgor may increase the amount of an outstanding Letter of Credit or establish one or more additional Letters of Credit.

(ii) Upon the occurrence of a Letter of Credit Default, Pledgor agrees to Transfer to Secured Party either a substitute Letter of Credit or Cash, in each case on or before the first Business Day after the occurrence thereof (or the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Business Day after the occurrence thereof if only clause (a) under the definition of Letter of Credit Default applies).

(iii) Notwithstanding Paragraphs 4 and 5, (1) the Secured Party need not return a Letter of Credit unless the entire principal amount is required to be returned, (2) the Secured Party shall consent to a reduction of the principal amount of a Letter of Credit to the extent that a Delivery Amount would not be created thereby (as of the time of the request or as of the last time the Delivery Amount was determined), and (3) if there is more than one form of



Posted Collateral when a Return Amount is to be Transferred, the Pledgor may elect which to Transfer.

(e) **Care of Posted Eligible Collateral.** Secured Party shall exercise reasonable care to assure the safe custody of all posted Eligible Collateral to the extent required by applicable law, and in any event the Secured Party will be deemed to have exercised reasonable care if it exercises at least the same degree of care as it would exercise with respect to its own property. Except as specified in the preceding sentence, the Secured Party will have no duty with respect to the posted Eligible Collateral, including without limitation, any duty to enforce or preserve any rights thereto.

(f) **Substitutions.** Unless otherwise prohibited herein, upon notice to the Secured Party specifying the items of posted Eligible Collateral to be exchanged, the Pledgor may, on any Business Day, deliver to the Secured Party other Eligible Collateral (“***Substitute Eligible Collateral***”). On the Business Day following the day on which the Substitute Eligible Collateral is delivered to the Secured Party, the Secured Party shall return to the Pledgor the items of Eligible Collateral specified in the Seller’s notice.

**Paragraph 7. Exercise of Rights Against Posted Collateral.**

(a) **Disputes regarding amount of Eligible Collateral.** If either Party disputes the amount of Eligible Collateral to be provided or returned (such Party the “***Disputing Party***”), then the Disputing Party shall (a) deliver the undisputed amount of Eligible Collateral to the other party (such Party, the “***Requesting Party***”) and (b) notify the Requesting Party of the existence and nature of the dispute no later than 5:00 p.m. EPT on the Business Day that the request for Eligible Collateral was made (the “***Request Date***”). On the Business Day following the Request Date, the Parties shall consult with each other in order to reconcile the two conflicting amounts. If the Parties are not able to resolve their dispute, the Eligible Collateral shall be recalculated, on the Business Day following the Request Date, by each Party requesting quotations from two (2) Reference Market-Makers for a total of four (4) quotations. The highest and lowest of the four (4) quotations shall be discarded and the arithmetic average shall be taken of the remaining two (2), which shall be used in order to determine the amount of Eligible Collateral required. On the same day the Eligible Collateral amount is recalculated, the Disputing Party shall deliver any additional Eligible Collateral required pursuant to the recalculation or the Requesting Party shall return any excess Eligible Collateral that is no longer required pursuant to the recalculation.

(b) **Further Assurances.** Promptly following a request by a Party, the other Party shall execute, deliver, file, and/or record any financing statement, specific assignment, or other document and take any other action that may be necessary or desirable to create, perfect, or validate any security interest or lien, to enable the requesting party to exercise or enforce its rights or remedies under this CSA, or to effect or document a release of a security interest on posted Eligible Collateral or accrued Interest.

(c) **Further Protection.** The Pledgor will promptly give notice to the Secured Party of, and defend against, any suit, action, proceeding, or lien that involves the posted Eligible Collateral delivered to Secured Party by Pledgor or that could adversely affect any security interest or lien granted pursuant to this CSA.

**Paragraph 9. Miscellaneous.**

(a) **Demands and Notices.** All demands, specifications, and notices to Secured Party with respect to Credit Support shall be made pursuant to the Notices Section of the Agreement with a copy to:

National Grid  
Attn: Director, Electric Supply and Distributed Generation  
100 East Old Country Road  
Hicksville, NY 11801  
Phone - (516) 545-3282  
Fax: (516) 545-3130

National Grid  
Attn: Credit Operations  
100 East Old Country Road  
Hicksville, New York 11801  
Phone - (516) 545-3122  
Fax - (516) 545-5466  
Email – [keys-pan-margin@keys-panenergy.com](mailto:keys-pan-margin@keys-panenergy.com)

All demands, specifications, and notices to Seller with respect to Credit Support shall be made pursuant to the Notices Section of the Agreement with a copy to:



(b) The provisions of this CSA shall apply to any and all Transactions entered into under the Master Power Agreement subsequent to the effective date of this CSA.

(c) The information contained in Paragraph 3(c)(i) of this CSA constitutes “Confidential Terms” within the meaning of Article 23 of the Master Power Agreement.



Granite State Electric Company d/b/a National Grid

Docket No. DE 09-010

Witness: J. D. Warshaw

## **SCHEDULE JDW – 5**

### **Renewable Portfolio Standard Adder**

**YEAR  
2009**

**Section 1: Calculation of Class I Renewable Energy Resource Charge**

(1) Class I Alternative Compliance Payment	\$60.92
(2) Class I Renewable Energy Resource Obligation	0.50%
(3) Incremental Cost - \$/MWh	\$0.30

**Section 2: Calculation of Class II Renewable Energy Resource Charge**

(1) Class II Alternative Compliance Payment	\$159.98
(2) Class II Renewable Energy Resource Obligation	0.00%
(3) Incremental Cost - \$/MWh	\$0.00

**Section 3: Calculation of Class III Renewable Energy Resource Charge**

(1) Class III Alternative Compliance Payment	\$29.87
(2) Class III Renewable Energy Resource Obligation	4.50%
(3) Incremental Cost - \$/MWh	\$1.34

**Section 4: Calculation of Class IV Renewable Energy Resource Charge**

(1) Class IV Alternative Compliance Payment	\$29.87
(2) Class IV Renewable Energy Resource Obligation	1.00%
(3) Incremental Cost - \$/MWh	\$0.30

**Section 5: Calculation of Renewable Portfolio Standard Adder**

(4) Sum of Class III and Class IV Incremental Costs - \$/MWh	\$1.94
(5) Renewable Portfolio Standard Adder to be included in Retail Rates - \$/kWh	\$ 0.00205

**Notes**

- (1) 2009 ACP as published by the NHPUC
- (2) From 362-F:3 of NH RPS legislation
- (3) Line (1) times Line (2)
- (4) Sum of all Line 3's
- (5) Line (4) times 1.0615 (average NH loss factor for 12 month period ending December 31, 2007) divided by 1,000 to convert from \$/MWh to \$/kWh.



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## **SCHEDULE JDW – 6**

### **Summary of Large Customer Group Default Service Rates**

Granite State Electric Company  
Confidential Summary of Proposed Default Service Rates

			Medium and Large C&I		
			<u>August</u>	<u>September</u>	<u>October</u>
(1)	Wholesale Loads (kWh)				
(2)	Retail Loads (kWh)				
(3)	Loss Factor				
(4)	Wholesale Contract Price (\$/MWh)				
(5)	Base Default Service Rate (\$/kWh)		\$0.06736	\$0.06595	\$0.06890
(6)	2008 Default Service Reconciliation Adjustment Factor (\$/kWh)		\$0.00055	\$0.00055	\$0.00055
(7)	Default Service Cost Reclassification Adjustment Factor (\$/kWh)		(\$0.00285)	(\$0.00285)	(\$0.00285)
(8)	2008 Renewable Portfolio Standard Adder (\$/kWh)		<u>\$0.00205</u>	<u>\$0.00205</u>	<u>\$0.00205</u>
(9)	Total Default Service Rate (\$/kWh)		\$0.06711	\$0.06570	\$0.06865

- (1) Wholesale loads for the 12 month period ending April 2009  
(2) Retail loads for the 12 month period ending April 2009  
(3) Line (1) ÷ Line (2), rounded to five decimal places  
(4) Wholesale Contractor Price  
(5) Line (3) x Line (4) / 1000, truncated to five decimal places  
(6) Current approved 2009 Default Service Adjustment Factor (Effective for usage on and after May 1, 2009)  
(7) Current approved Default Service Reclassification Adjustment Factor (Effective for usage on and after May 1, 2009),  
recovers the costs associated with unbundling of Default Service related administrative costs  
(8) Schedule JDW-5  
(9) Line (5) + Line (6) + Line (7) + Line (8)





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## **SCHEDULE JDW – 7**

### **Typical Bill Impacts**

Granite State Electric Company  
Proposed August 1, 2009 Default Service Rates  
Calculation of Monthly Typical Bill  
Impact on Rate G-1 Default Service Customers

Hours Use	kWh Split		Monthly kWh	On-Peak kWh	Off-Peak kWh	(1)		(2)		(1) vs (2)	
	250 On-Peak	60.00%				Total	Present Rates Default Service	Total	Proposed Rates Default Service	Retail Delivery	Overall Increase (Decrease) Amount %
kW											
200	50,000	30,000	20,000			\$4,931.32	\$3,052.50	\$1,878.82	\$3,355.50	\$1,878.82	\$303.00 6.1%
300	75,000	45,000	30,000			\$7,351.02	\$4,578.75	\$2,772.27	\$5,033.25	\$2,772.27	\$454.50 6.2%
400	100,000	60,000	40,000			\$9,770.72	\$6,105.00	\$3,665.72	\$6,711.00	\$3,665.72	\$606.00 6.2%
500	125,000	75,000	50,000			\$12,190.42	\$7,631.25	\$4,559.17	\$8,388.75	\$4,559.17	\$757.50 6.2%
1,000	250,000	150,000	100,000			\$24,288.92	\$15,262.50	\$9,026.42	\$16,777.50	\$9,026.42	\$1,515.00 6.2%

Present Rates

Proposed Rates

Customer Charge		\$91.92
Distribution Charge		
On Peak kWh	kWh x	\$0.00190
Off Peak kWh	kWh x	\$0.00057
Distribution Demand Charge	kW x	\$4.02
Transmission Charge	kWh x	\$0.01454
Stranded Cost Charge	kWh x	(\$0.00010)
System Benefits Charge	kWh x	\$0.00330
Electricity Consumption Tax	kWh x	\$0.00055

Supplier Services

Default Service	kWh x	\$0.06105	\$0.06711
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Granite State Electric Company  
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Hours Use	kWh Split		Monthly kWh	On-Peak kWh	Off-Peak kWh	(1)		(2)		(1) vs (2)		
	350 On-Peak	50.00%				Total	Present Rates Default Service	Retail Delivery	Total	Proposed Rates Default Service	Retail Delivery	Overall Increase (Decrease) Amount %
kW												
200	70,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	\$6,536.17	\$4,273.50	\$2,262.67	\$6,960.37	\$4,697.70	\$2,262.67	\$424.20 6.5%
300	105,000	52,500	52,500	52,500	52,500	\$9,758.30	\$6,410.25	\$3,348.05	\$10,394.60	\$7,046.55	\$3,348.05	\$636.30 6.5%
400	140,000	70,000	70,000	70,000	70,000	\$12,980.42	\$8,547.00	\$4,433.42	\$13,828.82	\$9,395.40	\$4,433.42	\$848.40 6.5%
500	175,000	87,500	87,500	87,500	87,500	\$16,202.55	\$10,683.75	\$5,518.80	\$17,263.05	\$11,744.25	\$5,518.80	\$1,060.50 6.5%
1,000	350,000	175,000	175,000	175,000	175,000	\$32,313.17	\$21,367.50	\$10,945.67	\$34,434.17	\$23,488.50	\$10,945.67	\$2,121.00 6.6%

Present Rates

Customer Charge		\$91.92
Distribution Charge		
On Peak kWh	kWh x	\$0.00190
Off Peak kWh	kWh x	\$0.00057
Distribution Demand Charge	kW x	\$4.02
Transmission Charge	kWh x	\$0.01454
Stranded Cost Charge	kWh x	(\$0.00010)
System Benefits Charge	kWh x	\$0.00330
Electricity Consumption Tax	kWh x	\$0.00055

Proposed Rates

		\$91.92
		\$0.00190
		\$0.00057
		\$4.02
		\$0.01454
		(\$0.00010)
		\$0.00330
		\$0.00055

Supplier Services

Default Service	kWh x	\$0.06105
		\$0.06711

Granite State Electric Company  
Proposed August 1, 2009 Default Service Rates  
Calculation of Monthly Typical Bill  
Impact on Rate G-1 Default Service Customers

Hours Use	kWh Split		Monthly kWh	On-Peak kWh	Off-Peak kWh	(1)		(2)		(1) vs (2)	
	450 On-Peak	45.00%				Total	Present Rates Default Service	Retail Delivery	Total	Proposed Rates Default Service	Retail Delivery
200	90,000	40,500	49,500	\$8,141.69	\$5,494.50	\$2,647.19	\$8,687.09	\$6,039.90	\$2,647.19	\$545.40	6.7%
300	135,000	60,750	74,250	\$12,166.57	\$8,241.75	\$3,924.82	\$12,984.67	\$9,059.85	\$3,924.82	\$818.10	6.7%
400	180,000	81,000	99,000	\$16,191.45	\$10,989.00	\$5,202.45	\$17,282.25	\$12,079.80	\$5,202.45	\$1,090.80	6.7%
500	225,000	101,250	123,750	\$20,216.34	\$13,736.25	\$6,480.09	\$21,579.84	\$15,099.75	\$6,480.09	\$1,363.50	6.7%
1,000	450,000	202,500	247,500	\$40,340.75	\$27,472.50	\$12,868.25	\$43,067.75	\$30,199.50	\$12,868.25	\$2,727.00	6.8%

Present Rates

Proposed Rates

Customer Charge		\$91.92
Distribution Charge		
On Peak kWh	kWh x	\$0.00190
Off Peak kWh	kWh x	\$0.00057
Distribution Demand Charge	kW x	\$4.02
Transmission Charge	kWh x	\$0.01454
Stranded Cost Charge	kWh x	(\$0.00010)
System Benefits Charge	kWh x	\$0.00330
Electricity Consumption Tax	kWh x	\$0.00055

Supplier Services

Default Service	kWh x	\$0.06105	\$0.06711
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Granite State Electric Company  
Proposed August 1, 2009 Default Service Rates  
Calculation of Monthly Typical Bill  
Impact on Rate G-1 Default Service Customers

Hours Use	kWh Split		Monthly kWh	On-Peak kWh	Off-Peak kWh	(1)		(2)		(1) vs (2)	
	450 On-Peak	40.00%				Total	Present Rates Default Service	Total	Proposed Rates Default Service	Retail Delivery	Overall Increase (Decrease) Amount %
		60.00%									
kW											
200	90,000		36,000	54,000		\$8,135.70	\$5,494.50	\$8,681.10	\$6,039.90	\$2,641.20	\$545.40 6.7%
300	135,000		54,000	81,000		\$12,157.59	\$8,241.75	\$12,975.69	\$9,059.85	\$3,915.84	\$818.10 6.7%
400	180,000		72,000	108,000		\$16,179.48	\$10,989.00	\$17,270.28	\$12,079.80	\$5,190.48	\$1,090.80 6.7%
500	225,000		90,000	135,000		\$20,201.37	\$13,736.25	\$21,564.87	\$15,099.75	\$6,465.12	\$1,363.50 6.7%
1,000	450,000		180,000	270,000		\$40,310.82	\$27,472.50	\$43,037.82	\$30,199.50	\$12,838.32	\$2,727.00 6.8%

Present Rates

Proposed Rates

Customer Charge		\$91.92
Distribution Charge		
On Peak kWh	kWh x	\$0.00190
Off Peak kWh	kWh x	\$0.00057
Distribution Demand Charge	kW x	\$4.02
Transmission Charge	kWh x	\$0.01454
Stranded Cost Charge	kWh x	(\$0.00010)
System Benefits Charge	kWh x	\$0.00330
Electricity Consumption Tax	kWh x	\$0.00055

Supplier Services

Default Service	kWh x	\$0.06105	\$0.06711
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Hours Use 200

		(1)		(2)		(1) vs (2)	
kW	Monthly kWh	Present Rates		Proposed Rates		Overall	
		Total	Default Service	Total	Default Service	Increase (Decrease)	%
20	4,000	\$440.77	\$244.20	\$465.01	\$268.44	\$24.24	5.5%
50	10,000	\$1,065.01	\$610.50	\$1,125.61	\$671.10	\$60.60	5.7%
75	15,000	\$1,585.21	\$915.75	\$1,676.11	\$1,006.65	\$90.90	5.7%
100	20,000	\$2,105.41	\$1,221.00	\$2,226.61	\$1,342.20	\$121.20	5.8%
150	30,000	\$3,145.81	\$1,831.50	\$3,327.61	\$2,013.30	\$181.80	5.8%

Present Rates

Customer Charge		\$24.61
Distribution Charge	kWh x	\$0.00088
Distribution Demand Charge	kW x	\$4.44
Transmission Charge	kWh x	\$0.01617
Stranded Cost Charge	kWh x	(\$0.00011)
System Benefits Charge	kWh x	\$0.00330
Electricity Consumption Tax	kWh x	\$0.00055

Proposed Rates

	\$24.61
	\$0.00088
	\$4.44
	\$0.01617
	(\$0.00011)
	\$0.00330
	\$0.00055

Supplier Services

Default Service	kWh x	\$0.06105
		\$0.06711

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kW	Monthly kWh	(1)			(2)			(1) vs (2)	
		Total	Present Rates Default Service	Retail Delivery	Total	Proposed Rates Default Service	Retail Delivery	Amount	%
20	5,000	\$522.61	\$305.25	\$217.36	\$552.91	\$335.55	\$217.36	\$30.30	5.8%
50	12,500	\$1,269.62	\$763.13	\$506.49	\$1,345.37	\$838.88	\$506.49	\$75.75	6.0%
75	18,750	\$1,892.12	\$1,144.69	\$747.43	\$2,005.74	\$1,258.31	\$747.43	\$113.62	6.0%
100	25,000	\$2,514.61	\$1,526.25	\$988.36	\$2,666.11	\$1,677.75	\$988.36	\$151.50	6.0%
150	37,500	\$3,759.62	\$2,289.38	\$1,470.24	\$3,986.87	\$2,516.63	\$1,470.24	\$227.25	6.0%

Customer Charge		\$24.61
Distribution Charge	kWh x	\$0.00088
Distribution Demand Charge	kW x	\$4.44
Transmission Charge	kWh x	\$0.01617
Stranded Cost Charge	kWh x	(\$0.00011)
System Benefits Charge	kWh x	\$0.00330
Electricity Consumption Tax	kWh x	\$0.00055

\$24.61  
\$0.00088  
\$4.44  
\$0.01617  
(\$0.00011)  
\$0.00330  
\$0.00055

## Default Service

\$0.06711



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 Proposed August 1, 2009 Default Service Rates  
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Hours Use                      300

		/-----/ (1)		-----/ (2)		(1) vs (2)	
kW	Monthly kWh	Present Rates		Proposed Rates		Overall Increase (Decrease)	
		Total	Default Service	Total	Default Service	Amount	%
20	6,000	\$604.45	\$366.30	\$640.81	\$402.66	\$36.36	6.0%
50	15,000	\$1,474.21	\$915.75	\$1,565.11	\$1,006.65	\$90.90	6.2%
75	22,500	\$2,199.02	\$1,373.63	\$2,335.37	\$1,509.98	\$136.35	6.2%
100	30,000	\$2,923.81	\$1,831.50	\$3,105.61	\$2,013.30	\$181.80	6.2%
150	45,000	\$4,373.41	\$2,747.25	\$4,646.11	\$3,019.95	\$272.70	6.2%

Present Rates

Customer Charge		\$24.61
Distribution Charge	kWh x	\$0.00088
Distribution Demand Charge	kW x	\$4.44
Transmission Charge	kWh x	\$0.01617
Stranded Cost Charge	kWh x	(\$0.00011)
System Benefits Charge	kWh x	\$0.00330
Electricity Consumption Tax	kWh x	\$0.00055

Proposed Rates

	\$24.61
	\$0.00088
	\$4.44
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	(\$0.00011)
	\$0.00330
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Supplier Services

Default Service	kWh x	\$0.06105
		\$0.06711



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**SCHEDULE JDW – 8**

**Quarterly Customer Migration Report**

CUSTOMER MIGRATION REPORT

Energy Service and Competitive Generation Customers for the 1st Quarter of 2009

Customer Rate Class	Energy Service						Competitive Service					
	Number of Energy Service Customers			kWh Used by Energy Service Customers			Number of Competitive Service Customers			kWh Used by Competitive Service Customers		
	January-09	February-09	March-09	January-09	February-09	March-09	January-09	February-09	March-09	January-09	February-09	March-09
D	33,287	33,308	33,347	28,660,297	24,253,376	21,427,399	31	30	30	33,436	28,710	25,312
D-10	449	442	434	760,577	783,370	635,089	0	0	0	0	0	0
T	1,344	1,342	1,336	3,110,878	2,811,142	2,313,880	2	2	2	35,149	35,555	32,721
G-1	70	68	67	10,314,610	8,493,730	7,750,730	47	49	46	19,155,608	16,671,910	14,035,546
G-2	699	721	712	11,111,724	10,430,715	9,795,373	100	100	103	2,575,661	2,367,868	2,629,092
G-3	5,207	5,202	5,214	8,419,632	8,123,052	7,374,183	306	304	303	478,861	471,252	461,627
V	21	21	20	35,519	34,553	29,933	1	1	1	4,279	4,988	3,852
Streetlights	60	62	62	232,990	214,604	195,217	14	16	16	195,285	234,274	213,783
TOTAL	41,137	41,166	41,192	62,646,227	55,144,542	49,521,804	501	502	501	22,478,279	19,814,557	17,401,933
Customer Rate Class	Number of Energy Service Customers as % of Total			kWh Used by Energy Service Customers as % of Total			Number of Competitive Service Customers as % of Total			kWh Used by Competitive Service Customers as % of Total		
	January-09	February-09	March-09	January-09	February-09	March-09	January-09	February-09	March-09	January-09	February-09	March-09
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
D	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
D-10	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
T	100%	100%	100%	99%	99%	99%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%
G-1	60%	58%	59%	35%	34%	36%	40%	42%	41%	65%	66%	64%
G-2	87%	88%	87%	81%	81%	79%	13%	12%	13%	19%	19%	21%
G-3	94%	94%	95%	95%	95%	94%	6%	6%	5%	5%	5%	6%
V	95%	95%	95%	89%	87%	89%	5%	5%	5%	11%	13%	11%
Streetlights	81%	79%	79%	54%	48%	48%	19%	21%	21%	46%	52%	52%
TOTAL	99%	99%	99%	74%	74%	74%	1%	1%	1%	26%	26%	26%

Prepared By: K. Mahnke

Date: April 3, 2009



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## **SCHEDULE JDW – 9**

### **Summary of MPA Billing Terms**

## Summary Of MPA Terms with Granite State Suppliers.

Supplier	Contract Date	Date Filed w/ NH PUC	Payment Terms
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	The Buyer shall pay Seller the amount of the Invoice (including the Reconciliation Adjustment, if any, as a debit or credit) less any amounts disputed in accordance with Section 5.3, on or before the later of the (i) tenth (10 <sup>th</sup> ) day after receiving the Invoice, and (ii) the twenty-fifth (25 <sup>th</sup> ) day of the month in which such Invoice was received (the "Due Date").
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	The Buyer shall pay Seller the amount of the Invoice (including the Reconciliation Adjustment, if any, as a debit or credit) less any amounts disputed in accordance with Section 5.3, on or before the later of (i) the twentieth (20 <sup>th</sup> ) day of the month following the month of services or (ii) the tenth (10 <sup>th</sup> ) day after receiving the Invoice (the "Due Date").
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	The Buyer shall pay Seller the amount of the Invoice (including the Reconciliation Adjustment, if any, as a debit or credit) less any amounts disputed in accordance with Section 5.3, on or before the later of the twentieth (20 <sup>th</sup> ) day of the month or the tenth (10) day after receiving the Invoice (the "Due Date").
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	The Buyer shall pay Seller the amount of the Invoice (including the Reconciliation Adjustment, if any, as a debit or credit) less any amounts disputed in accordance with Section 5.3, on or before the twenty-fifth (25 <sup>th</sup> ) day after receiving the Invoice (the "Due Date").
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[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	The Buyer shall pay Seller the amount of the Invoice (including the Reconciliation Adjustment, if any, as a debit or credit) less any amounts disputed in accordance with Section 5.3, on or before the later of the twentieth (20 <sup>th</sup> ) day of each month, or the tenth (10 <sup>th</sup> ) day after receiving the Invoice (the "Due Date").
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	The Buyer shall pay Seller the amount of the Invoice (including the Reconciliation Adjustment, if any, as a debit or credit) less any amounts disputed in accordance with Section 5.3, on or before the twenty-fifth (25 <sup>th</sup> ) day after receiving the Invoice (the "Due Date").
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[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	The Buyer shall pay Seller the amount of the Invoice (including the Reconciliation Adjustment, if any, as a debit or credit) less any amounts disputed in accordance with Section 5.3, on or before the twenty-fifth (25 <sup>th</sup> ) day after receiving the Invoice (the "Due Date").





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**SCHEDULE JDW – 10**

**EEI Master Power Purchase & Sale Agreement**

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# Master Power Purchase & Sale Agreement

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## MASTER POWER PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT

### COVER SHEET

This *Master Power Purchase and Sale Agreement* ("Master Agreement" ) is made as of the following date: \_\_\_\_\_ ("Effective Date"). The *Master Agreement*, together with the exhibits, schedules and any written supplements hereto, the Party A Tariff, if any, the Party B Tariff, if any, any designated collateral, credit support or margin agreement or similar arrangement between the Parties and all Transactions (including any confirmations accepted in accordance with Section 2.3 hereto) shall be referred to as the "Agreement." The Parties to this *Master Agreement* are the following:

Name ("\_\_\_\_\_ " or "Party A")

All Notices:

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Attn: Contract Administration

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Facsimile: \_\_\_\_\_

Duns: \_\_\_\_\_

Federal Tax ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Invoices:**

Attn: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Facsimile: \_\_\_\_\_

**Scheduling:**

Attn: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Facsimile: \_\_\_\_\_

**Payments:**

Attn: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Facsimile: \_\_\_\_\_

**Wire Transfer:**

BNK: \_\_\_\_\_

ABA: \_\_\_\_\_

ACCT: \_\_\_\_\_

**Credit and Collections:**

Attn: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Facsimile: \_\_\_\_\_

With additional Notices of an Event of Default or Potential Event of Default to:

Attn: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Facsimile: \_\_\_\_\_

Name ("Counterparty" or "Party B")

All Notices:

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Attn: Contract Administration

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Facsimile: \_\_\_\_\_

Duns: \_\_\_\_\_

Federal Tax ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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Attn: \_\_\_\_\_

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Attn: \_\_\_\_\_

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With additional Notices of an Event of Default or Potential Event of Default to:

Attn: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Facsimile: \_\_\_\_\_

The Parties hereby agree that the General Terms and Conditions are incorporated herein, and to the following provisions as provided for in the General Terms and Conditions:

Party A Tariff      Tariff \_\_\_\_\_      Dated \_\_\_\_\_      Docket Number \_\_\_\_\_

Party B Tariff      Tariff \_\_\_\_\_      Dated \_\_\_\_\_      Docket Number \_\_\_\_\_

**Article Two**

Transaction Terms and Conditions      ☐ Optional provision in Section 2.4. If not checked, inapplicable.

**Article Four**

Remedies for Failure to Deliver or Receive      ☐ Accelerated Payment of Damages. If not checked, inapplicable.

**Article Five**

Events of Default; Remedies      ☐ Cross Default for Party A:  
☐ Party A: \_\_\_\_\_      Cross Default Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Other Entity: \_\_\_\_\_      Cross Default Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Cross Default for Party B:  
☐ Party B: \_\_\_\_\_      Cross Default Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Other Entity: \_\_\_\_\_      Cross Default Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

5.6 Closeout Setoff

- ☐ Option A (Applicable if no other selection is made.)  
☐ Option B - Affiliates shall have the meaning set forth in the Agreement unless otherwise specified as follows: \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Option C (No Setoff)

**Article 8**

Credit and Collateral Requirements

8.1 Party A Credit Protection:

(a) Financial Information:

- ☐ Option A  
☐ Option B Specify: \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Option C Specify: \_\_\_\_\_

(b) Credit Assurances:

- ☐ Not Applicable  
☐ Applicable

(c) Collateral Threshold:

- ☐ Not Applicable  
☐ Applicable

If applicable, complete the following:

Party B Collateral Threshold: \$ \_\_\_\_\_; provided, however, that Party B's Collateral Threshold shall be zero if an Event of Default or Potential Event of Default with respect to Party B has occurred and is continuing.

Party B Independent Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Party B Rounding Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(d) Downgrade Event:

- ☐ Not Applicable  
☐ Applicable

If applicable, complete the following:

- ☐ It shall be a Downgrade Event for Party B if Party B's Credit Rating falls below \_\_\_\_\_ from S&P or \_\_\_\_\_ from Moody's or if Party B is not rated by either S&P or Moody's

- ☐ Other:  
Specify: \_\_\_\_\_

(e) Guarantor for Party B: \_\_\_\_\_

Guarantee Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

8.2 Party B Credit Protection:

(a) Financial Information:

- ☐ Option A  
☐ Option B Specify: \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Option C Specify: \_\_\_\_\_

(b) Credit Assurances:

- ☐ Not Applicable  
☐ Applicable

(c) Collateral Threshold:

- ☐ Not Applicable  
☐ Applicable

If applicable, complete the following:

Party A Collateral Threshold: \$ \_\_\_\_\_; provided, however, that Party A's Collateral Threshold shall be zero if an Event of Default or Potential Event of Default with respect to Party A has occurred and is continuing.

Party A Independent Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Party A Rounding Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(d) Downgrade Event:

- ☐ Not Applicable  
☐ Applicable

If applicable, complete the following:

- ☐ It shall be a Downgrade Event for Party A if Party A's Credit Rating falls below \_\_\_\_\_ from S&P or \_\_\_\_\_ from Moody's or if Party A is not rated by either S&P or Moody's
- ☐ Other:  
Specify: \_\_\_\_\_

(e) Guarantor for Party A: \_\_\_\_\_

Guarantee Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Article 10**

Confidentiality

☐ Confidentiality Applicable      If not checked, inapplicable.

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**Schedule M**

- ☐ Party A is a Governmental Entity or Public Power System  
☐ Party B is a Governmental Entity or Public Power System  
☐ Add Section 3.6. If not checked, inapplicable  
☐ Add Section 8.6. If not checked, inapplicable

**Other Changes**

Specify, if any: \_\_\_\_\_



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have caused this Master Agreement to be duly executed as of the date first above written.

Party A Name

Party B Name

By: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

### **ARTICLE ONE: GENERAL DEFINITIONS**

1.1 “Affiliate” means, with respect to any person, any other person (other than an individual) that, directly or indirectly, through one or more intermediaries, controls, or is controlled by, or is under common control with, such person. For this purpose, “control” means the direct or indirect ownership of fifty percent (50%) or more of the outstanding capital stock or other equity interests having ordinary voting power.

1.2 “Agreement” has the meaning set forth in the Cover Sheet.

1.3 “Bankrupt” means with respect to any entity, such entity (i) files a petition or otherwise commences, authorizes or acquiesces in the commencement of a proceeding or cause of action under any bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or similar law, or has any such petition filed or commenced against it, (ii) makes an assignment or any general arrangement for the benefit of creditors, (iii) otherwise becomes bankrupt or insolvent (however evidenced), (iv) has a liquidator, administrator, receiver, trustee, conservator or similar official appointed with respect to it or any substantial portion of its property or assets, or (v) is generally unable to pay its debts as they fall due.

1.4 “Business Day” means any day except a Saturday, Sunday, or a Federal Reserve Bank holiday. A Business Day shall open at 8:00 a.m. and close at 5:00 p.m. local time for the relevant Party’s principal place of business. The relevant Party, in each instance unless otherwise specified, shall be the Party from whom the notice, payment or delivery is being sent and by whom the notice or payment or delivery is to be received.

1.5 “Buyer” means the Party to a Transaction that is obligated to purchase and receive, or cause to be received, the Product, as specified in the Transaction.

1.6 “Call Option” means an Option entitling, but not obligating, the Option Buyer to purchase and receive the Product from the Option Seller at a price equal to the Strike Price for the Delivery Period for which the Option may be exercised, all as specified in the Transaction. Upon proper exercise of the Option by the Option Buyer, the Option Seller will be obligated to sell and deliver the Product for the Delivery Period for which the Option has been exercised.

1.7 “Claiming Party” has the meaning set forth in Section 3.3.

1.8 “Claims” means all third party claims or actions, threatened or filed and, whether groundless, false, fraudulent or otherwise, that directly or indirectly relate to the subject matter of an indemnity, and the resulting losses, damages, expenses, attorneys’ fees and court costs, whether incurred by settlement or otherwise, and whether such claims or actions are threatened or filed prior to or after the termination of this Agreement.

1.9 “Confirmation” has the meaning set forth in Section 2.3.

1.10 “Contract Price” means the price in \$U.S. (unless otherwise provided for) to be paid by Buyer to Seller for the purchase of the Product, as specified in the Transaction.

1.11 “Costs” means, with respect to the Non-Defaulting Party, brokerage fees, commissions and other similar third party transaction costs and expenses reasonably incurred by such Party either in terminating any arrangement pursuant to which it has hedged its obligations or entering into new arrangements which replace a Terminated Transaction; and all reasonable attorneys’ fees and expenses incurred by the Non-Defaulting Party in connection with the termination of a Transaction.

1.12 “Credit Rating” means, with respect to any entity, the rating then assigned to such entity’s unsecured, senior long-term debt obligations (not supported by third party credit enhancements) or if such entity does not have a rating for its senior unsecured long-term debt, then the rating then assigned to such entity as an issues rating by S&P, Moody’s or any other rating agency agreed by the Parties as set forth in the Cover Sheet.

1.13 “Cross Default Amount” means the cross default amount, if any, set forth in the Cover Sheet for a Party.

1.14 “Defaulting Party” has the meaning set forth in Section 5.1.

1.15 “Delivery Period” means the period of delivery for a Transaction, as specified in the Transaction.

1.16 “Delivery Point” means the point at which the Product will be delivered and received, as specified in the Transaction.

1.17 “Downgrade Event” has the meaning set forth on the Cover Sheet.

1.18 “Early Termination Date” has the meaning set forth in Section 5.2.

1.19 “Effective Date” has the meaning set forth on the Cover Sheet.

1.20 “Equitable Defenses” means any bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization and other laws affecting creditors’ rights generally, and with regard to equitable remedies, the discretion of the court before which proceedings to obtain same may be pending.

1.21 “Event of Default” has the meaning set forth in Section 5.1.

1.22 “FERC” means the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission or any successor government agency.

1.23 “Force Majeure” means an event or circumstance which prevents one Party from performing its obligations under one or more Transactions, which event or circumstance was not anticipated as of the date the Transaction was agreed to, which is not within the reasonable control of, or the result of the negligence of, the Claiming Party, and which, by the exercise of due diligence, the Claiming Party is unable to overcome or avoid or cause to be avoided. Force Majeure shall not be based on (i) the loss of Buyer’s markets; (ii) Buyer’s inability economically

to use or resell the Product purchased hereunder; (iii) the loss or failure of Seller's supply; or (iv) Seller's ability to sell the Product at a price greater than the Contract Price. Neither Party may raise a claim of Force Majeure based in whole or in part on curtailment by a Transmission Provider unless (i) such Party has contracted for firm transmission with a Transmission Provider for the Product to be delivered to or received at the Delivery Point and (ii) such curtailment is due to "force majeure" or "uncontrollable force" or a similar term as defined under the Transmission Provider's tariff; provided, however, that existence of the foregoing factors shall not be sufficient to conclusively or presumptively prove the existence of a Force Majeure absent a showing of other facts and circumstances which in the aggregate with such factors establish that a Force Majeure as defined in the first sentence hereof has occurred. The applicability of Force Majeure to the Transaction is governed by the terms of the Products and Related Definitions contained in Schedule P.

1.24 "Gains" means, with respect to any Party, an amount equal to the present value of the economic benefit to it, if any (exclusive of Costs), resulting from the termination of a Terminated Transaction, determined in a commercially reasonable manner.

1.25 "Guarantor" means, with respect to a Party, the guarantor, if any, specified for such Party on the Cover Sheet.

1.26 "Interest Rate" means, for any date, the lesser of (a) the per annum rate of interest equal to the prime lending rate as may from time to time be published in *The Wall Street Journal* under "Money Rates" on such day (or if not published on such day on the most recent preceding day on which published), plus two percent (2%) and (b) the maximum rate permitted by applicable law.

1.27 "Letter(s) of Credit" means one or more irrevocable, transferable standby letters of credit issued by a U.S. commercial bank or a foreign bank with a U.S. branch with such bank having a credit rating of at least A- from S&P or A3 from Moody's, in a form acceptable to the Party in whose favor the letter of credit is issued. Costs of a Letter of Credit shall be borne by the applicant for such Letter of Credit.

1.28 "Losses" means, with respect to any Party, an amount equal to the present value of the economic loss to it, if any (exclusive of Costs), resulting from termination of a Terminated Transaction, determined in a commercially reasonable manner.

1.29 "Master Agreement" has the meaning set forth on the Cover Sheet.

1.30 "Moody's" means Moody's Investor Services, Inc. or its successor.

1.31 "NERC Business Day" means any day except a Saturday, Sunday or a holiday as defined by the North American Electric Reliability Council or any successor organization thereto. A NERC Business Day shall open at 8:00 a.m. and close at 5:00 p.m. local time for the relevant Party's principal place of business. The relevant Party, in each instance unless otherwise specified, shall be the Party from whom the notice, payment or delivery is being sent and by whom the notice or payment or delivery is to be received.

1.32 “Non-Defaulting Party” has the meaning set forth in Section 5.2.

1.33 “Offsetting Transactions” mean any two or more outstanding Transactions, having the same or overlapping Delivery Period(s), Delivery Point and payment date, where under one or more of such Transactions, one Party is the Seller, and under the other such Transaction(s), the same Party is the Buyer.

1.34 “Option” means the right but not the obligation to purchase or sell a Product as specified in a Transaction.

1.35 “Option Buyer” means the Party specified in a Transaction as the purchaser of an option, as defined in Schedule P.

1.36 “Option Seller” means the Party specified in a Transaction as the seller of an option, as defined in Schedule P.

1.37 “Party A Collateral Threshold” means the collateral threshold, if any, set forth in the Cover Sheet for Party A.

1.38 “Party B Collateral Threshold” means the collateral threshold, if any, set forth in the Cover Sheet for Party B.

1.39 “Party A Independent Amount” means the amount, if any, set forth in the Cover Sheet for Party A.

1.40 “Party B Independent Amount” means the amount, if any, set forth in the Cover Sheet for Party B.

1.41 “Party A Rounding Amount” means the amount, if any, set forth in the Cover Sheet for Party A.

1.42 “Party B Rounding Amount” means the amount, if any, set forth in the Cover Sheet for Party B.

1.43 “Party A Tariff” means the tariff, if any, specified in the Cover Sheet for Party A.

1.44 “Party B Tariff” means the tariff, if any, specified in the Cover Sheet for Party B.

1.45 “Performance Assurance” means collateral in the form of either cash, Letter(s) of Credit, or other security acceptable to the Requesting Party.

1.46 “Potential Event of Default” means an event which, with notice or passage of time or both, would constitute an Event of Default.

1.47 “Product” means electric capacity, energy or other product(s) related thereto as specified in a Transaction by reference to a Product listed in Schedule P hereto or as otherwise specified by the Parties in the Transaction.

1.48 “Put Option” means an Option entitling, but not obligating, the Option Buyer to sell and deliver the Product to the Option Seller at a price equal to the Strike Price for the Delivery Period for which the option may be exercised, all as specified in a Transaction. Upon proper exercise of the Option by the Option Buyer, the Option Seller will be obligated to purchase and receive the Product.

1.49 “Quantity” means that quantity of the Product that Seller agrees to make available or sell and deliver, or cause to be delivered, to Buyer, and that Buyer agrees to purchase and receive, or cause to be received, from Seller as specified in the Transaction.

1.50 “Recording” has the meaning set forth in Section 2.4.

1.51 “Replacement Price” means the price at which Buyer, acting in a commercially reasonable manner, purchases at the Delivery Point a replacement for any Product specified in a Transaction but not delivered by Seller, plus (i) costs reasonably incurred by Buyer in purchasing such substitute Product and (ii) additional transmission charges, if any, reasonably incurred by Buyer to the Delivery Point, or at Buyer’s option, the market price at the Delivery Point for such Product not delivered as determined by Buyer in a commercially reasonable manner; provided, however, in no event shall such price include any penalties, ratcheted demand or similar charges, nor shall Buyer be required to utilize or change its utilization of its owned or controlled assets or market positions to minimize Seller’s liability. For the purposes of this definition, Buyer shall be considered to have purchased replacement Product to the extent Buyer shall have entered into one or more arrangements in a commercially reasonable manner whereby Buyer repurchases its obligation to sell and deliver the Product to another party at the Delivery Point.

1.52 “S&P” means the Standard & Poor’s Rating Group (a division of McGraw-Hill, Inc.) or its successor.

1.53 “Sales Price” means the price at which Seller, acting in a commercially reasonable manner, resells at the Delivery Point any Product not received by Buyer, deducting from such proceeds any (i) costs reasonably incurred by Seller in reselling such Product and (ii) additional transmission charges, if any, reasonably incurred by Seller in delivering such Product to the third party purchasers, or at Seller’s option, the market price at the Delivery Point for such Product not received as determined by Seller in a commercially reasonable manner; provided, however, in no event shall such price include any penalties, ratcheted demand or similar charges, nor shall Seller be required to utilize or change its utilization of its owned or controlled assets, including contractual assets, or market positions to minimize Buyer’s liability. For purposes of this definition, Seller shall be considered to have resold such Product to the extent Seller shall have entered into one or more arrangements in a commercially reasonable manner whereby Seller repurchases its obligation to purchase and receive the Product from another party at the Delivery Point.

1.54 “Schedule” or “Scheduling” means the actions of Seller, Buyer and/or their designated representatives, including each Party’s Transmission Providers, if applicable, of notifying, requesting and confirming to each other the quantity and type of Product to be delivered on any given day or days during the Delivery Period at a specified Delivery Point.

1.55 “Seller” means the Party to a Transaction that is obligated to sell and deliver, or cause to be delivered, the Product, as specified in the Transaction.

1.56 “Settlement Amount” means, with respect to a Transaction and the Non-Defaulting Party, the Losses or Gains, and Costs, expressed in U.S. Dollars, which such party incurs as a result of the liquidation of a Terminated Transaction pursuant to Section 5.2.

1.57 “Strike Price” means the price to be paid for the purchase of the Product pursuant to an Option.

1.58 “Terminated Transaction” has the meaning set forth in Section 5.2.

1.59 “Termination Payment” has the meaning set forth in Section 5.3.

1.60 “Transaction” means a particular transaction agreed to by the Parties relating to the sale and purchase of a Product pursuant to this Master Agreement.

1.61 “Transmission Provider” means any entity or entities transmitting or transporting the Product on behalf of Seller or Buyer to or from the Delivery Point in a particular Transaction.

## **ARTICLE TWO: TRANSACTION TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

2.1 Transactions. A Transaction shall be entered into upon agreement of the Parties orally or, if expressly required by either Party with respect to a particular Transaction, in writing, including an electronic means of communication. Each Party agrees not to contest, or assert any defense to, the validity or enforceability of the Transaction entered into in accordance with this Master Agreement (i) based on any law requiring agreements to be in writing or to be signed by the parties, or (ii) based on any lack of authority of the Party or any lack of authority of any employee of the Party to enter into a Transaction.

2.2 Governing Terms. Unless otherwise specifically agreed, each Transaction between the Parties shall be governed by this Master Agreement. This Master Agreement (including all exhibits, schedules and any written supplements hereto), , the Party A Tariff, if any, and the Party B Tariff, if any, any designated collateral, credit support or margin agreement or similar arrangement between the Parties and all Transactions (including any Confirmations accepted in accordance with Section 2.3) shall form a single integrated agreement between the Parties. Any inconsistency between any terms of this Master Agreement and any terms of the Transaction shall be resolved in favor of the terms of such Transaction.

2.3 Confirmation. Seller may confirm a Transaction by forwarding to Buyer by facsimile within three (3) Business Days after the Transaction is entered into a confirmation (“Confirmation”) substantially in the form of Exhibit A. If Buyer objects to any term(s) of such Confirmation, Buyer shall notify Seller in writing of such objections within two (2) Business Days of Buyer’s receipt thereof, failing which Buyer shall be deemed to have accepted the terms as sent. If Seller fails to send a Confirmation within three (3) Business Days after the Transaction is entered into, a Confirmation substantially in the form of Exhibit A, may be forwarded by Buyer to Seller. If Seller objects to any term(s) of such Confirmation, Seller shall notify Buyer of such objections within two (2) Business Days of Seller’s receipt thereof, failing

which Seller shall be deemed to have accepted the terms as sent. If Seller and Buyer each send a Confirmation and neither Party objects to the other Party's Confirmation within two (2) Business Days of receipt, Seller's Confirmation shall be deemed to be accepted and shall be the controlling Confirmation, unless (i) Seller's Confirmation was sent more than three (3) Business Days after the Transaction was entered into and (ii) Buyer's Confirmation was sent prior to Seller's Confirmation, in which case Buyer's Confirmation shall be deemed to be accepted and shall be the controlling Confirmation. Failure by either Party to send or either Party to return an executed Confirmation or any objection by either Party shall not invalidate the Transaction agreed to by the Parties.

2.4 Additional Confirmation Terms. If the Parties have elected on the Cover Sheet to make this Section 2.4 applicable to this Master Agreement, when a Confirmation contains provisions, other than those provisions relating to the commercial terms of the Transaction (e.g., price or special transmission conditions), which modify or supplement the general terms and conditions of this Master Agreement (e.g., arbitration provisions or additional representations and warranties), such provisions shall not be deemed to be accepted pursuant to Section 2.3 unless agreed to either orally or in writing by the Parties; provided that the foregoing shall not invalidate any Transaction agreed to by the Parties.

2.5 Recording. Unless a Party expressly objects to a Recording (defined below) at the beginning of a telephone conversation, each Party consents to the creation of a tape or electronic recording ("Recording") of all telephone conversations between the Parties to this Master Agreement, and that any such Recordings will be retained in confidence, secured from improper access, and may be submitted in evidence in any proceeding or action relating to this Agreement. Each Party waives any further notice of such monitoring or recording, and agrees to notify its officers and employees of such monitoring or recording and to obtain any necessary consent of such officers and employees. The Recording, and the terms and conditions described therein, if admissible, shall be the controlling evidence for the Parties' agreement with respect to a particular Transaction in the event a Confirmation is not fully executed (or deemed accepted) by both Parties. Upon full execution (or deemed acceptance) of a Confirmation, such Confirmation shall control in the event of any conflict with the terms of a Recording, or in the event of any conflict with the terms of this Master Agreement.

### **ARTICLE THREE: OBLIGATIONS AND DELIVERIES**

3.1 Seller's and Buyer's Obligations. With respect to each Transaction, Seller shall sell and deliver, or cause to be delivered, and Buyer shall purchase and receive, or cause to be received, the Quantity of the Product at the Delivery Point, and Buyer shall pay Seller the Contract Price; provided, however, with respect to Options, the obligations set forth in the preceding sentence shall only arise if the Option Buyer exercises its Option in accordance with its terms. Seller shall be responsible for any costs or charges imposed on or associated with the Product or its delivery of the Product up to the Delivery Point. Buyer shall be responsible for any costs or charges imposed on or associated with the Product or its receipt at and from the Delivery Point.

3.2 Transmission and Scheduling. Seller shall arrange and be responsible for transmission service to the Delivery Point and shall Schedule or arrange for Scheduling services



with its Transmission Providers, as specified by the Parties in the Transaction, or in the absence thereof, in accordance with the practice of the Transmission Providers, to deliver the Product to the Delivery Point. Buyer shall arrange and be responsible for transmission service at and from the Delivery Point and shall Schedule or arrange for Scheduling services with its Transmission Providers to receive the Product at the Delivery Point.

3.3 Force Majeure. To the extent either Party is prevented by Force Majeure from carrying out, in whole or part, its obligations under the Transaction and such Party (the "Claiming Party") gives notice and details of the Force Majeure to the other Party as soon as practicable, then, unless the terms of the Product specify otherwise, the Claiming Party shall be excused from the performance of its obligations with respect to such Transaction (other than the obligation to make payments then due or becoming due with respect to performance prior to the Force Majeure). The Claiming Party shall remedy the Force Majeure with all reasonable dispatch. The non-Claiming Party shall not be required to perform or resume performance of its obligations to the Claiming Party corresponding to the obligations of the Claiming Party excused by Force Majeure.

#### **ARTICLE FOUR: REMEDIES FOR FAILURE TO DELIVER/RECEIVE**

4.1 Seller Failure. If Seller fails to schedule and/or deliver all or part of the Product pursuant to a Transaction, and such failure is not excused under the terms of the Product or by Buyer's failure to perform, then Seller shall pay Buyer, on the date payment would otherwise be due in respect of the month in which the failure occurred or, if "Accelerated Payment of Damages" is specified on the Cover Sheet, within five (5) Business Days of invoice receipt, an amount for such deficiency equal to the positive difference, if any, obtained by subtracting the Contract Price from the Replacement Price. The invoice for such amount shall include a written statement explaining in reasonable detail the calculation of such amount.

4.2 Buyer Failure. If Buyer fails to schedule and/or receive all or part of the Product pursuant to a Transaction and such failure is not excused under the terms of the Product or by Seller's failure to perform, then Buyer shall pay Seller, on the date payment would otherwise be due in respect of the month in which the failure occurred or, if "Accelerated Payment of Damages" is specified on the Cover Sheet, within five (5) Business Days of invoice receipt, an amount for such deficiency equal to the positive difference, if any, obtained by subtracting the Sales Price from the Contract Price. The invoice for such amount shall include a written statement explaining in reasonable detail the calculation of such amount.

#### **ARTICLE FIVE: EVENTS OF DEFAULT; REMEDIES**

5.1 Events of Default. An "Event of Default" shall mean, with respect to a Party (a "Defaulting Party"), the occurrence of any of the following:

- (a) the failure to make, when due, any payment required pursuant to this Agreement if such failure is not remedied within three (3) Business Days after written notice;

- (b) any representation or warranty made by such Party herein is false or misleading in any material respect when made or when deemed made or repeated;
- (c) the failure to perform any material covenant or obligation set forth in this Agreement (except to the extent constituting a separate Event of Default, and except for such Party's obligations to deliver or receive the Product, the exclusive remedy for which is provided in Article Four) if such failure is not remedied within three (3) Business Days after written notice;
- (d) such Party becomes Bankrupt;
- (e) the failure of such Party to satisfy the creditworthiness/collateral requirements agreed to pursuant to Article Eight hereof;
- (f) such Party consolidates or amalgamates with, or merges with or into, or transfers all or substantially all of its assets to, another entity and, at the time of such consolidation, amalgamation, merger or transfer, the resulting, surviving or transferee entity fails to assume all the obligations of such Party under this Agreement to which it or its predecessor was a party by operation of law or pursuant to an agreement reasonably satisfactory to the other Party;
- (g) if the applicable cross default section in the Cover Sheet is indicated for such Party, the occurrence and continuation of (i) a default, event of default or other similar condition or event in respect of such Party or any other party specified in the Cover Sheet for such Party under one or more agreements or instruments, individually or collectively, relating to indebtedness for borrowed money in an aggregate amount of not less than the applicable Cross Default Amount (as specified in the Cover Sheet), which results in such indebtedness becoming, or becoming capable at such time of being declared, immediately due and payable or (ii) a default by such Party or any other party specified in the Cover Sheet for such Party in making on the due date therefor one or more payments, individually or collectively, in an aggregate amount of not less than the applicable Cross Default Amount (as specified in the Cover Sheet);
- (h) with respect to such Party's Guarantor, if any:
  - (i) if any representation or warranty made by a Guarantor in connection with this Agreement is false or misleading in any material respect when made or when deemed made or repeated;
  - (ii) the failure of a Guarantor to make any payment required or to perform any other material covenant or obligation in any guaranty made in connection with this Agreement and such failure shall not be remedied within three (3) Business Days after written notice;

- (iii) a Guarantor becomes Bankrupt;
- (iv) the failure of a Guarantor's guaranty to be in full force and effect for purposes of this Agreement (other than in accordance with its terms) prior to the satisfaction of all obligations of such Party under each Transaction to which such guaranty shall relate without the written consent of the other Party; or
- (v) a Guarantor shall repudiate, disaffirm, disclaim, or reject, in whole or in part, or challenge the validity of any guaranty.

5.2 Declaration of an Early Termination Date and Calculation of Settlement Amounts. If an Event of Default with respect to a Defaulting Party shall have occurred and be continuing, the other Party (the "Non-Defaulting Party") shall have the right (i) to designate a day, no earlier than the day such notice is effective and no later than 20 days after such notice is effective, as an early termination date ("Early Termination Date") to accelerate all amounts owing between the Parties and to liquidate and terminate all, but not less than all, Transactions (each referred to as a "Terminated Transaction") between the Parties, (ii) withhold any payments due to the Defaulting Party under this Agreement and (iii) suspend performance. The Non-Defaulting Party shall calculate, in a commercially reasonable manner, a Settlement Amount for each such Terminated Transaction as of the Early Termination Date (or, to the extent that in the reasonable opinion of the Non-Defaulting Party certain of such Terminated Transactions are commercially impracticable to liquidate and terminate or may not be liquidated and terminated under applicable law on the Early Termination Date, as soon thereafter as is reasonably practicable).

5.3 Net Out of Settlement Amounts. The Non-Defaulting Party shall aggregate all Settlement Amounts into a single amount by: netting out (a) all Settlement Amounts that are due to the Defaulting Party, plus, at the option of the Non-Defaulting Party, any cash or other form of security then available to the Non-Defaulting Party pursuant to Article Eight, plus any or all other amounts due to the Defaulting Party under this Agreement against (b) all Settlement Amounts that are due to the Non-Defaulting Party, plus any or all other amounts due to the Non-Defaulting Party under this Agreement, so that all such amounts shall be netted out to a single liquidated amount (the "Termination Payment") payable by one Party to the other. The Termination Payment shall be due to or due from the Non-Defaulting Party as appropriate.

5.4 Notice of Payment of Termination Payment. As soon as practicable after a liquidation, notice shall be given by the Non-Defaulting Party to the Defaulting Party of the amount of the Termination Payment and whether the Termination Payment is due to or due from the Non-Defaulting Party. The notice shall include a written statement explaining in reasonable detail the calculation of such amount. The Termination Payment shall be made by the Party that owes it within two (2) Business Days after such notice is effective.

5.5 Disputes With Respect to Termination Payment. If the Defaulting Party disputes the Non-Defaulting Party's calculation of the Termination Payment, in whole or in part, the Defaulting Party shall, within two (2) Business Days of receipt of Non-Defaulting Party's calculation of the Termination Payment, provide to the Non-Defaulting Party a detailed written

explanation of the basis for such dispute; provided, however, that if the Termination Payment is due from the Defaulting Party, the Defaulting Party shall first transfer Performance Assurance to the Non-Defaulting Party in an amount equal to the Termination Payment.

#### 5.6 Closeout Setoffs.

Option A: After calculation of a Termination Payment in accordance with Section 5.3, if the Defaulting Party would be owed the Termination Payment, the Non-Defaulting Party shall be entitled, at its option and in its discretion, to (i) set off against such Termination Payment any amounts due and owing by the Defaulting Party to the Non-Defaulting Party under any other agreements, instruments or undertakings between the Defaulting Party and the Non-Defaulting Party and/or (ii) to the extent the Transactions are not yet liquidated in accordance with Section 5.2, withhold payment of the Termination Payment to the Defaulting Party. The remedy provided for in this Section shall be without prejudice and in addition to any right of setoff, combination of accounts, lien or other right to which any Party is at any time otherwise entitled (whether by operation of law, contract or otherwise).

Option B: After calculation of a Termination Payment in accordance with Section 5.3, if the Defaulting Party would be owed the Termination Payment, the Non-Defaulting Party shall be entitled, at its option and in its discretion, to (i) set off against such Termination Payment any amounts due and owing by the Defaulting Party or any of its Affiliates to the Non-Defaulting Party or any of its Affiliates under any other agreements, instruments or undertakings between the Defaulting Party or any of its Affiliates and the Non-Defaulting Party or any of its Affiliates and/or (ii) to the extent the Transactions are not yet liquidated in accordance with Section 5.2, withhold payment of the Termination Payment to the Defaulting Party. The remedy provided for in this Section shall be without prejudice and in addition to any right of setoff, combination of accounts, lien or other right to which any Party is at any time otherwise entitled (whether by operation of law, contract or otherwise).

Option C: Neither Option A nor B shall apply.

5.7 Suspension of Performance. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Master Agreement, if (a) an Event of Default or (b) a Potential Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, the Non-Defaulting Party, upon written notice to the Defaulting Party, shall have the right (i) to suspend performance under any or all Transactions; provided, however, in no event shall any such suspension continue for longer than ten (10) NERC Business Days with respect to any single Transaction unless an early Termination Date shall have been declared and notice thereof pursuant to Section 5.2 given, and (ii) to the extent an Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing to exercise any remedy available at law or in equity.

### **ARTICLE SIX: PAYMENT AND NETTING**

6.1 Billing Period. Unless otherwise specifically agreed upon by the Parties in a Transaction, the calendar month shall be the standard period for all payments under this Agreement (other than Termination Payments and, if “Accelerated Payment of Damages” is specified by the Parties in the Cover Sheet, payments pursuant to Section 4.1 or 4.2 and Option premium payments pursuant to Section 6.7). As soon as practicable after the end of each month,

each Party will render to the other Party an invoice for the payment obligations, if any, incurred hereunder during the preceding month.

6.2 Timeliness of Payment. Unless otherwise agreed by the Parties in a Transaction, all invoices under this Master Agreement shall be due and payable in accordance with each Party's invoice instructions on or before the later of the twentieth (20th) day of each month, or tenth (10th) day after receipt of the invoice or, if such day is not a Business Day, then on the next Business Day. Each Party will make payments by electronic funds transfer, or by other mutually agreeable method(s), to the account designated by the other Party. Any amounts not paid by the due date will be deemed delinquent and will accrue interest at the Interest Rate, such interest to be calculated from and including the due date to but excluding the date the delinquent amount is paid in full.

6.3 Disputes and Adjustments of Invoices. A Party may, in good faith, dispute the correctness of any invoice or any adjustment to an invoice, rendered under this Agreement or adjust any invoice for any arithmetic or computational error within twelve (12) months of the date the invoice, or adjustment to an invoice, was rendered. In the event an invoice or portion thereof, or any other claim or adjustment arising hereunder, is disputed, payment of the undisputed portion of the invoice shall be required to be made when due, with notice of the objection given to the other Party. Any invoice dispute or invoice adjustment shall be in writing and shall state the basis for the dispute or adjustment. Payment of the disputed amount shall not be required until the dispute is resolved. Upon resolution of the dispute, any required payment shall be made within two (2) Business Days of such resolution along with interest accrued at the Interest Rate from and including the due date to but excluding the date paid. Inadvertent overpayments shall be returned upon request or deducted by the Party receiving such overpayment from subsequent payments, with interest accrued at the Interest Rate from and including the date of such overpayment to but excluding the date repaid or deducted by the Party receiving such overpayment. Any dispute with respect to an invoice is waived unless the other Party is notified in accordance with this Section 6.3 within twelve (12) months after the invoice is rendered or any specific adjustment to the invoice is made. If an invoice is not rendered within twelve (12) months after the close of the month during which performance of a Transaction occurred, the right to payment for such performance is waived.

6.4 Netting of Payments. The Parties hereby agree that they shall discharge mutual debts and payment obligations due and owing to each other on the same date pursuant to all Transactions through netting, in which case all amounts owed by each Party to the other Party for the purchase and sale of Products during the monthly billing period under this Master Agreement, including any related damages calculated pursuant to Article Four (unless one of the Parties elects to accelerate payment of such amounts as permitted by Article Four), interest, and payments or credits, shall be netted so that only the excess amount remaining due shall be paid by the Party who owes it.

6.5 Payment Obligation Absent Netting. If no mutual debts or payment obligations exist and only one Party owes a debt or obligation to the other during the monthly billing period, including, but not limited to, any related damage amounts calculated pursuant to Article Four, interest, and payments or credits, that Party shall pay such sum in full when due.

6.6 Security. Unless the Party benefiting from Performance Assurance or a guaranty notifies the other Party in writing, and except in connection with a liquidation and termination in accordance with Article Five, all amounts netted pursuant to this Article Six shall not take into account or include any Performance Assurance or guaranty which may be in effect to secure a Party's performance under this Agreement.

6.7 Payment for Options. The premium amount for the purchase of an Option shall be paid within two (2) Business Days of receipt of an invoice from the Option Seller. Upon exercise of an Option, payment for the Product underlying such Option shall be due in accordance with Section 6.1.

6.8 Transaction Netting. If the Parties enter into one or more Transactions, which in conjunction with one or more other outstanding Transactions, constitute Offsetting Transactions, then all such Offsetting Transactions may by agreement of the Parties, be netted into a single Transaction under which:

- (a) the Party obligated to deliver the greater amount of Energy will deliver the difference between the total amount it is obligated to deliver and the total amount to be delivered to it under the Offsetting Transactions, and
- (b) the Party owing the greater aggregate payment will pay the net difference owed between the Parties.

Each single Transaction resulting under this Section shall be deemed part of the single, indivisible contractual arrangement between the parties, and once such resulting Transaction occurs, outstanding obligations under the Offsetting Transactions which are satisfied by such offset shall terminate.

## **ARTICLE SEVEN: LIMITATIONS**

7.1 Limitation of Remedies, Liability and Damages. EXCEPT AS SET FORTH HEREIN, THERE IS NO WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, AND ANY AND ALL IMPLIED WARRANTIES ARE DISCLAIMED. THE PARTIES CONFIRM THAT THE EXPRESS REMEDIES AND MEASURES OF DAMAGES PROVIDED IN THIS AGREEMENT SATISFY THE ESSENTIAL PURPOSES HEREOF. FOR BREACH OF ANY PROVISION FOR WHICH AN EXPRESS REMEDY OR MEASURE OF DAMAGES IS PROVIDED, SUCH EXPRESS REMEDY OR MEASURE OF DAMAGES SHALL BE THE SOLE AND EXCLUSIVE REMEDY, THE OBLIGOR'S LIABILITY SHALL BE LIMITED AS SET FORTH IN SUCH PROVISION AND ALL OTHER REMEDIES OR DAMAGES AT LAW OR IN EQUITY ARE WAIVED. IF NO REMEDY OR MEASURE OF DAMAGES IS EXPRESSLY PROVIDED HEREIN OR IN A TRANSACTION, THE OBLIGOR'S LIABILITY SHALL BE LIMITED TO DIRECT ACTUAL DAMAGES ONLY, SUCH DIRECT ACTUAL DAMAGES SHALL BE THE SOLE AND EXCLUSIVE REMEDY AND ALL OTHER REMEDIES OR DAMAGES AT LAW OR IN EQUITY ARE WAIVED. UNLESS EXPRESSLY HEREIN PROVIDED, NEITHER PARTY SHALL BE LIABLE FOR CONSEQUENTIAL, INCIDENTAL, PUNITIVE, EXEMPLARY OR INDIRECT DAMAGES, LOST PROFITS OR

OTHER BUSINESS INTERRUPTION DAMAGES, BY STATUTE, IN TORT OR CONTRACT, UNDER ANY INDEMNITY PROVISION OR OTHERWISE. IT IS THE INTENT OF THE PARTIES THAT THE LIMITATIONS HEREIN IMPOSED ON REMEDIES AND THE MEASURE OF DAMAGES BE WITHOUT REGARD TO THE CAUSE OR CAUSES RELATED THERETO, INCLUDING THE NEGLIGENCE OF ANY PARTY, WHETHER SUCH NEGLIGENCE BE SOLE, JOINT OR CONCURRENT, OR ACTIVE OR PASSIVE. TO THE EXTENT ANY DAMAGES REQUIRED TO BE PAID HEREUNDER ARE LIQUIDATED, THE PARTIES ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE DAMAGES ARE DIFFICULT OR IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE, OR OTHERWISE OBTAINING AN ADEQUATE REMEDY IS INCONVENIENT AND THE DAMAGES CALCULATED HEREUNDER CONSTITUTE A REASONABLE APPROXIMATION OF THE HARM OR LOSS.

#### **ARTICLE EIGHT: CREDIT AND COLLATERAL REQUIREMENTS**

8.1 Party A Credit Protection. The applicable credit and collateral requirements shall be as specified on the Cover Sheet. If no option in Section 8.1(a) is specified on the Cover Sheet, Section 8.1(a) Option C shall apply exclusively. If none of Sections 8.1(b), 8.1(c) or 8.1(d) are specified on the Cover Sheet, Section 8.1(b) shall apply exclusively.

(a) Financial Information. Option A: If requested by Party A, Party B shall deliver (i) within 120 days following the end of each fiscal year, a copy of Party B's annual report containing audited consolidated financial statements for such fiscal year and (ii) within 60 days after the end of each of its first three fiscal quarters of each fiscal year, a copy of Party B's quarterly report containing unaudited consolidated financial statements for such fiscal quarter. In all cases the statements shall be for the most recent accounting period and prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles; provided, however, that should any such statements not be available on a timely basis due to a delay in preparation or certification, such delay shall not be an Event of Default so long as Party B diligently pursues the preparation, certification and delivery of the statements.

Option B: If requested by Party A, Party B shall deliver (i) within 120 days following the end of each fiscal year, a copy of the annual report containing audited consolidated financial statements for such fiscal year for the party(s) specified on the Cover Sheet and (ii) within 60 days after the end of each of its first three fiscal quarters of each fiscal year, a copy of quarterly report containing unaudited consolidated financial statements for such fiscal quarter for the party(s) specified on the Cover Sheet. In all cases the statements shall be for the most recent accounting period and shall be prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles; provided, however, that should any such statements not be available on a timely basis due to a delay in preparation or certification, such delay shall not be an Event of Default so long as the relevant entity diligently pursues the preparation, certification and delivery of the statements.

Option C: Party A may request from Party B the information specified in the Cover Sheet.

(b) Credit Assurances. If Party A has reasonable grounds to believe that Party B's creditworthiness or performance under this Agreement has become unsatisfactory, Party A will provide Party B with written notice requesting Performance Assurance in an amount determined by Party A in a commercially reasonable manner. Upon receipt of such notice Party B shall have three (3) Business Days to remedy the situation by providing such Performance Assurance to Party A. In the event that Party B fails to provide such Performance Assurance, or a guaranty or other credit assurance acceptable to Party A within three (3) Business Days of receipt of notice, then an Event of Default under Article Five will be deemed to have occurred and Party A will be entitled to the remedies set forth in Article Five of this Master Agreement.

(c) Collateral Threshold. If at any time and from time to time during the term of this Agreement (and notwithstanding whether an Event of Default has occurred), the Termination Payment that would be owed to Party A plus Party B's Independent Amount, if any, exceeds the Party B Collateral Threshold, then Party A, on any Business Day, may request that Party B provide Performance Assurance in an amount equal to the amount by which the Termination Payment plus Party B's Independent Amount, if any, exceeds the Party B Collateral Threshold (rounding upwards for any fractional amount to the next Party B Rounding Amount) ("Party B Performance Assurance"), less any Party B Performance Assurance already posted with Party A. Such Party B Performance Assurance shall be delivered to Party A within three (3) Business Days of the date of such request. On any Business Day (but no more frequently than weekly with respect to Letters of Credit and daily with respect to cash), Party B, at its sole cost, may request that such Party B Performance Assurance be reduced correspondingly to the amount of such excess Termination Payment plus Party B's Independent Amount, if any, (rounding upwards for any fractional amount to the next Party B Rounding Amount). In the event that Party B fails to provide Party B Performance Assurance pursuant to the terms of this Article Eight within three (3) Business Days, then an Event of Default under Article Five shall be deemed to have occurred and Party A will be entitled to the remedies set forth in Article Five of this Master Agreement.

For purposes of this Section 8.1(c), the calculation of the Termination Payment shall be calculated pursuant to Section 5.3 by Party A as if all outstanding Transactions had been liquidated, and in addition thereto, shall include all amounts owed but not yet paid by Party B to Party A, whether or not such amounts are due, for performance already provided pursuant to any and all Transactions.

(d) Downgrade Event. If at any time there shall occur a Downgrade Event in respect of Party B, then Party A may require Party B to provide Performance Assurance in an amount determined by Party A in a commercially reasonable manner. In the event Party B shall fail to provide such Performance Assurance or a guaranty or other credit assurance acceptable to Party A within three (3) Business Days of receipt of notice, then an Event of Default shall be deemed to have occurred and Party A will be entitled to the remedies set forth in Article Five of this Master Agreement.

(e) If specified on the Cover Sheet, Party B shall deliver to Party A, prior to or concurrently with the execution and delivery of this Master Agreement a guarantee in an amount not less than the Guarantee Amount specified on the Cover Sheet and in a form reasonably acceptable to Party A.



8.2 Party B Credit Protection. The applicable credit and collateral requirements shall be as specified on the Cover Sheet. If no option in Section 8.2(a) is specified on the Cover Sheet, Section 8.2(a) Option C shall apply exclusively. If none of Sections 8.2(b), 8.2(c) or 8.2(d) are specified on the Cover Sheet, Section 8.2(b) shall apply exclusively.

(a) Financial Information. Option A: If requested by Party B, Party A shall deliver (i) within 120 days following the end of each fiscal year, a copy of Party A's annual report containing audited consolidated financial statements for such fiscal year and (ii) within 60 days after the end of each of its first three fiscal quarters of each fiscal year, a copy of such Party's quarterly report containing unaudited consolidated financial statements for such fiscal quarter. In all cases the statements shall be for the most recent accounting period and prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles; provided, however, that should any such statements not be available on a timely basis due to a delay in preparation or certification, such delay shall not be an Event of Default so long as such Party diligently pursues the preparation, certification and delivery of the statements.

Option B: If requested by Party B, Party A shall deliver (i) within 120 days following the end of each fiscal year, a copy of the annual report containing audited consolidated financial statements for such fiscal year for the party(s) specified on the Cover Sheet and (ii) within 60 days after the end of each of its first three fiscal quarters of each fiscal year, a copy of quarterly report containing unaudited consolidated financial statements for such fiscal quarter for the party(s) specified on the Cover Sheet. In all cases the statements shall be for the most recent accounting period and shall be prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles; provided, however, that should any such statements not be available on a timely basis due to a delay in preparation or certification, such delay shall not be an Event of Default so long as the relevant entity diligently pursues the preparation, certification and delivery of the statements.

Option C: Party B may request from Party A the information specified in the Cover Sheet.

(b) Credit Assurances. If Party B has reasonable grounds to believe that Party A's creditworthiness or performance under this Agreement has become unsatisfactory, Party B will provide Party A with written notice requesting Performance Assurance in an amount determined by Party B in a commercially reasonable manner. Upon receipt of such notice Party A shall have three (3) Business Days to remedy the situation by providing such Performance Assurance to Party B. In the event that Party A fails to provide such Performance Assurance, or a guaranty or other credit assurance acceptable to Party B within three (3) Business Days of receipt of notice, then an Event of Default under Article Five will be deemed to have occurred and Party B will be entitled to the remedies set forth in Article Five of this Master Agreement.

(c) Collateral Threshold. If at any time and from time to time during the term of this Agreement (and notwithstanding whether an Event of Default has occurred), the Termination Payment that would be owed to Party B plus Party A's Independent Amount, if any, exceeds the Party A Collateral Threshold, then Party B, on any Business Day, may request that Party A provide Performance Assurance in an amount equal to the amount by which the Termination Payment plus Party A's Independent Amount, if any, exceeds the Party A Collateral

Threshold (rounding upwards for any fractional amount to the next Party A Rounding Amount) (“Party A Performance Assurance”), less any Party A Performance Assurance already posted with Party B. Such Party A Performance Assurance shall be delivered to Party B within three (3) Business Days of the date of such request. On any Business Day (but no more frequently than weekly with respect to Letters of Credit and daily with respect to cash), Party A, at its sole cost, may request that such Party A Performance Assurance be reduced correspondingly to the amount of such excess Termination Payment plus Party A’s Independent Amount, if any, (rounding upwards for any fractional amount to the next Party A Rounding Amount). In the event that Party A fails to provide Party A Performance Assurance pursuant to the terms of this Article Eight within three (3) Business Days, then an Event of Default under Article Five shall be deemed to have occurred and Party B will be entitled to the remedies set forth in Article Five of this Master Agreement.

For purposes of this Section 8.2(c), the calculation of the Termination Payment shall be calculated pursuant to Section 5.3 by Party B as if all outstanding Transactions had been liquidated, and in addition thereto, shall include all amounts owed but not yet paid by Party A to Party B, whether or not such amounts are due, for performance already provided pursuant to any and all Transactions.

(d) Downgrade Event. If at any time there shall occur a Downgrade Event in respect of Party A, then Party B may require Party A to provide Performance Assurance in an amount determined by Party B in a commercially reasonable manner. In the event Party A shall fail to provide such Performance Assurance or a guaranty or other credit assurance acceptable to Party B within three (3) Business Days of receipt of notice, then an Event of Default shall be deemed to have occurred and Party B will be entitled to the remedies set forth in Article Five of this Master Agreement.

(e) If specified on the Cover Sheet, Party A shall deliver to Party B, prior to or concurrently with the execution and delivery of this Master Agreement a guarantee in an amount not less than the Guarantee Amount specified on the Cover Sheet and in a form reasonably acceptable to Party B.

8.3 Grant of Security Interest/Remedies. To secure its obligations under this Agreement and to the extent either or both Parties deliver Performance Assurance hereunder, each Party (a “Pledgor”) hereby grants to the other Party (the “Secured Party”) a present and continuing security interest in, and lien on (and right of setoff against), and assignment of, all cash collateral and cash equivalent collateral and any and all proceeds resulting therefrom or the liquidation thereof, whether now or hereafter held by, on behalf of, or for the benefit of, such Secured Party, and each Party agrees to take such action as the other Party reasonably requires in order to perfect the Secured Party’s first-priority security interest in, and lien on (and right of setoff against), such collateral and any and all proceeds resulting therefrom or from the liquidation thereof. Upon or any time after the occurrence or deemed occurrence and during the continuation of an Event of Default or an Early Termination Date, the Non-Defaulting Party may do any one or more of the following: (i) exercise any of the rights and remedies of a Secured Party with respect to all Performance Assurance, including any such rights and remedies under law then in effect; (ii) exercise its rights of setoff against any and all property of the Defaulting Party in the possession of the Non-Defaulting Party or its agent; (iii) draw on any outstanding

Letter of Credit issued for its benefit; and (iv) liquidate all Performance Assurance then held by or for the benefit of the Secured Party free from any claim or right of any nature whatsoever of the Defaulting Party, including any equity or right of purchase or redemption by the Defaulting Party. The Secured Party shall apply the proceeds of the collateral realized upon the exercise of any such rights or remedies to reduce the Pledgor's obligations under the Agreement (the Pledgor remaining liable for any amounts owing to the Secured Party after such application), subject to the Secured Party's obligation to return any surplus proceeds remaining after such obligations are satisfied in full.

## **ARTICLE NINE: GOVERNMENTAL CHARGES**

9.1 Cooperation. Each Party shall use reasonable efforts to implement the provisions of and to administer this Master Agreement in accordance with the intent of the parties to minimize all taxes, so long as neither Party is materially adversely affected by such efforts.

9.2 Governmental Charges. Seller shall pay or cause to be paid all taxes imposed by any government authority ("Governmental Charges") on or with respect to the Product or a Transaction arising prior to the Delivery Point. Buyer shall pay or cause to be paid all Governmental Charges on or with respect to the Product or a Transaction at and from the Delivery Point (other than ad valorem, franchise or income taxes which are related to the sale of the Product and are, therefore, the responsibility of the Seller). In the event Seller is required by law or regulation to remit or pay Governmental Charges which are Buyer's responsibility hereunder, Buyer shall promptly reimburse Seller for such Governmental Charges. If Buyer is required by law or regulation to remit or pay Governmental Charges which are Seller's responsibility hereunder, Buyer may deduct the amount of any such Governmental Charges from the sums due to Seller under Article 6 of this Agreement. Nothing shall obligate or cause a Party to pay or be liable to pay any Governmental Charges for which it is exempt under the law.

## **ARTICLE TEN: MISCELLANEOUS**

10.1 Term of Master Agreement. The term of this Master Agreement shall commence on the Effective Date and shall remain in effect until terminated by either Party upon (thirty) 30 days' prior written notice; provided, however, that such termination shall not affect or excuse the performance of either Party under any provision of this Master Agreement that by its terms survives any such termination and, provided further, that this Master Agreement and any other documents executed and delivered hereunder shall remain in effect with respect to the Transaction(s) entered into prior to the effective date of such termination until both Parties have fulfilled all of their obligations with respect to such Transaction(s), or such Transaction(s) that have been terminated under Section 5.2 of this Agreement.

10.2 Representations and Warranties. On the Effective Date and the date of entering into each Transaction, each Party represents and warrants to the other Party that:

- (i) it is duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its formation;

- (ii) it has all regulatory authorizations necessary for it to legally perform its obligations under this Master Agreement and each Transaction (including any Confirmation accepted in accordance with Section 2.3);
- (iii) the execution, delivery and performance of this Master Agreement and each Transaction (including any Confirmation accepted in accordance with Section 2.3) are within its powers, have been duly authorized by all necessary action and do not violate any of the terms and conditions in its governing documents, any contracts to which it is a party or any law, rule, regulation, order or the like applicable to it;
- (iv) this Master Agreement, each Transaction (including any Confirmation accepted in accordance with Section 2.3), and each other document executed and delivered in accordance with this Master Agreement constitutes its legally valid and binding obligation enforceable against it in accordance with its terms; subject to any Equitable Defenses.
- (v) it is not Bankrupt and there are no proceedings pending or being contemplated by it or, to its knowledge, threatened against it which would result in it being or becoming Bankrupt;
- (vi) there is not pending or, to its knowledge, threatened against it or any of its Affiliates any legal proceedings that could materially adversely affect its ability to perform its obligations under this Master Agreement and each Transaction (including any Confirmation accepted in accordance with Section 2.3);
- (vii) no Event of Default or Potential Event of Default with respect to it has occurred and is continuing and no such event or circumstance would occur as a result of its entering into or performing its obligations under this Master Agreement and each Transaction (including any Confirmation accepted in accordance with Section 2.3);
- (viii) it is acting for its own account, has made its own independent decision to enter into this Master Agreement and each Transaction (including any Confirmation accepted in accordance with Section 2.3) and as to whether this Master Agreement and each such Transaction (including any Confirmation accepted in accordance with Section 2.3) is appropriate or proper for it based upon its own judgment, is not relying upon the advice or recommendations of the other Party in so doing, and is capable of assessing the merits of and understanding, and understands and accepts, the terms, conditions and risks of this Master Agreement and each Transaction (including any Confirmation accepted in accordance with Section 2.3);
- (ix) it is a “forward contract merchant” within the meaning of the United States Bankruptcy Code;

- (x) it has entered into this Master Agreement and each Transaction (including any Confirmation accepted in accordance with Section 2.3) in connection with the conduct of its business and it has the capacity or ability to make or take delivery of all Products referred to in the Transaction to which it is a Party;
- (xi) with respect to each Transaction (including any Confirmation accepted in accordance with Section 2.3) involving the purchase or sale of a Product or an Option, it is a producer, processor, commercial user or merchant handling the Product, and it is entering into such Transaction for purposes related to its business as such; and
- (xii) the material economic terms of each Transaction are subject to individual negotiation by the Parties.

10.3 Title and Risk of Loss. Title to and risk of loss related to the Product shall transfer from Seller to Buyer at the Delivery Point. Seller warrants that it will deliver to Buyer the Quantity of the Product free and clear of all liens, security interests, claims and encumbrances or any interest therein or thereto by any person arising prior to the Delivery Point.

10.4 Indemnity. Each Party shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the other Party from and against any Claims arising from or out of any event, circumstance, act or incident first occurring or existing during the period when control and title to Product is vested in such Party as provided in Section 10.3. Each Party shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the other Party against any Governmental Charges for which such Party is responsible under Article Nine.

10.5 Assignment. Neither Party shall assign this Agreement or its rights hereunder without the prior written consent of the other Party, which consent may be withheld in the exercise of its sole discretion; provided, however, either Party may, without the consent of the other Party (and without relieving itself from liability hereunder), (i) transfer, sell, pledge, encumber or assign this Agreement or the accounts, revenues or proceeds hereof in connection with any financing or other financial arrangements, (ii) transfer or assign this Agreement to an affiliate of such Party which affiliate's creditworthiness is equal to or higher than that of such Party, or (iii) transfer or assign this Agreement to any person or entity succeeding to all or substantially all of the assets whose creditworthiness is equal to or higher than that of such Party; provided, however, that in each such case, any such assignee shall agree in writing to be bound by the terms and conditions hereof and so long as the transferring Party delivers such tax and enforceability assurance as the non-transferring Party may reasonably request.

10.6 Governing Law. THIS AGREEMENT AND THE RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF THE PARTIES HEREUNDER SHALL BE GOVERNED BY AND CONSTRUED, ENFORCED AND PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, WITHOUT REGARD TO PRINCIPLES OF CONFLICTS OF LAW. EACH PARTY WAIVES ITS RESPECTIVE RIGHT TO ANY JURY TRIAL WITH RESPECT TO ANY LITIGATION ARISING UNDER OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS AGREEMENT.

10.7 Notices. All notices, requests, statements or payments shall be made as specified in the Cover Sheet. Notices (other than scheduling requests) shall, unless otherwise specified herein, be in writing and may be delivered by hand delivery, United States mail, overnight courier service or facsimile. Notice by facsimile or hand delivery shall be effective at the close of business on the day actually received, if received during business hours on a Business Day, and otherwise shall be effective at the close of business on the next Business Day. Notice by overnight United States mail or courier shall be effective on the next Business Day after it was sent. A Party may change its addresses by providing notice of same in accordance herewith.

10.8 General. This Master Agreement (including the exhibits, schedules and any written supplements hereto), the Party A Tariff, if any, the Party B Tariff, if any, any designated collateral, credit support or margin agreement or similar arrangement between the Parties and all Transactions (including any Confirmation accepted in accordance with Section 2.3) constitute the entire agreement between the Parties relating to the subject matter. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any collateral, credit support or margin agreement or similar arrangement between the Parties shall, upon designation by the Parties, be deemed part of this Agreement and shall be incorporated herein by reference. This Agreement shall be considered for all purposes as prepared through the joint efforts of the parties and shall not be construed against one party or the other as a result of the preparation, substitution, submission or other event of negotiation, drafting or execution hereof. Except to the extent herein provided for, no amendment or modification to this Master Agreement shall be enforceable unless reduced to writing and executed by both Parties. Each Party agrees if it seeks to amend any applicable wholesale power sales tariff during the term of this Agreement, such amendment will not in any way affect outstanding Transactions under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other Party. Each Party further agrees that it will not assert, or defend itself, on the basis that any applicable tariff is inconsistent with this Agreement. This Agreement shall not impart any rights enforceable by any third party (other than a permitted successor or assignee bound to this Agreement). Waiver by a Party of any default by the other Party shall not be construed as a waiver of any other default. Any provision declared or rendered unlawful by any applicable court of law or regulatory agency or deemed unlawful because of a statutory change (individually or collectively, such events referred to as "Regulatory Event") will not otherwise affect the remaining lawful obligations that arise under this Agreement; and provided, further, that if a Regulatory Event occurs, the Parties shall use their best efforts to reform this Agreement in order to give effect to the original intention of the Parties. The term "including" when used in this Agreement shall be by way of example only and shall not be considered in any way to be in limitation. The headings used herein are for convenience and reference purposes only. All indemnity and audit rights shall survive the termination of this Agreement for twelve (12) months. This Agreement shall be binding on each Party's successors and permitted assigns.

10.9 Audit. Each Party has the right, at its sole expense and during normal working hours, to examine the records of the other Party to the extent reasonably necessary to verify the accuracy of any statement, charge or computation made pursuant to this Master Agreement. If requested, a Party shall provide to the other Party statements evidencing the Quantity delivered at the Delivery Point. If any such examination reveals any inaccuracy in any statement, the necessary adjustments in such statement and the payments thereof will be made promptly and shall bear interest calculated at the Interest Rate from the date the overpayment or underpayment was made until paid; provided, however, that no adjustment for any statement or payment will be

made unless objection to the accuracy thereof was made prior to the lapse of twelve (12) months from the rendition thereof, and thereafter any objection shall be deemed waived.

10.10 Forward Contract. The Parties acknowledge and agree that all Transactions constitute “forward contracts” within the meaning of the United States Bankruptcy Code.

10.11 Confidentiality. If the Parties have elected on the Cover Sheet to make this Section 10.11 applicable to this Master Agreement, neither Party shall disclose the terms or conditions of a Transaction under this Master Agreement to a third party (other than the Party’s employees, lenders, counsel, accountants or advisors who have a need to know such information and have agreed to keep such terms confidential) except in order to comply with any applicable law, regulation, or any exchange, control area or independent system operator rule or in connection with any court or regulatory proceeding; provided, however, each Party shall, to the extent practicable, use reasonable efforts to prevent or limit the disclosure. The Parties shall be entitled to all remedies available at law or in equity to enforce, or seek relief in connection with, this confidentiality obligation.

## SCHEDULE M

**(THIS SCHEDULE IS INCLUDED IF THE APPROPRIATE BOX ON THE COVER SHEET IS MARKED INDICATING A PARTY IS A GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY OR PUBLIC POWER SYSTEM)**

A. The Parties agree to add the following definitions in Article One.

“Act” means \_\_\_\_\_.<sup>1</sup>

“Governmental Entity or Public Power System” means a municipality, county, governmental board, public power authority, public utility district, joint action agency, or other similar political subdivision or public entity of the United States, one or more States or territories or any combination thereof.

“Special Fund” means a fund or account of the Governmental Entity or Public Power System set aside and or pledged to satisfy the Public Power System’s obligations hereunder out of which amounts shall be paid to satisfy all of the Public Power System’s obligations under this Master Agreement for the entire Delivery Period.

B. The following sentence shall be added to the end of the definition of “Force Majeure” in Article One.

If the Claiming Party is a Governmental Entity or Public Power System, Force Majeure does not include any action taken by the Governmental Entity or Public Power System in its governmental capacity.

C. The Parties agree to add the following representations and warranties to Section 10.2:

Further and with respect to a Party that is a Governmental Entity or Public Power System, such Governmental Entity or Public Power System represents and warrants to the other Party continuing throughout the term of this Master Agreement, with respect to this Master Agreement and each Transaction, as follows: (i) all acts necessary to the valid execution, delivery and performance of this Master Agreement, including without limitation, competitive bidding, public notice, election, referendum, prior appropriation or other required procedures has or will be taken and performed as required under the Act and the Public Power System’s ordinances, bylaws or other regulations, (ii) all persons making up the governing body of Governmental Entity or Public Power System are the duly elected or appointed incumbents in their positions and hold such

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<sup>1</sup> Cite the state enabling and other relevant statutes applicable to Governmental Entity or Public Power System.



positions in good standing in accordance with the Act and other applicable law, (iii) entry into and performance of this Master Agreement by Governmental Entity or Public Power System are for a proper public purpose within the meaning of the Act and all other relevant constitutional, organic or other governing documents and applicable law, (iv) the term of this Master Agreement does not extend beyond any applicable limitation imposed by the Act or other relevant constitutional, organic or other governing documents and applicable law, (v) the Public Power System's obligations to make payments hereunder are unsubordinated obligations and such payments are (a) operating and maintenance costs (or similar designation) which enjoy first priority of payment at all times under any and all bond ordinances or indentures to which it is a party, the Act and all other relevant constitutional, organic or other governing documents and applicable law or (b) otherwise not subject to any prior claim under any and all bond ordinances or indentures to which it is a party, the Act and all other relevant constitutional, organic or other governing documents and applicable law and are available without limitation or deduction to satisfy all Governmental Entity or Public Power System' obligations hereunder and under each Transaction or (c) are to be made solely from a Special Fund, (vi) entry into and performance of this Master Agreement and each Transaction by the Governmental Entity or Public Power System will not adversely affect the exclusion from gross income for federal income tax purposes of interest on any obligation of Governmental Entity or Public Power System otherwise entitled to such exclusion, and (vii) obligations to make payments hereunder do not constitute any kind of indebtedness of Governmental Entity or Public Power System or create any kind of lien on, or security interest in, any property or revenues of Governmental Entity or Public Power System which, in either case, is proscribed by any provision of the Act or any other relevant constitutional, organic or other governing documents and applicable law, any order or judgment of any court or other agency of government applicable to it or its assets, or any contractual restriction binding on or affecting it or any of its assets.

D. The Parties agree to add the following sections to Article Three:

Section 3.4 Public Power System's Deliveries. On the Effective Date and as a condition to the obligations of the other Party under this Agreement, Governmental Entity or Public Power System shall provide the other Party hereto (i) certified copies of all ordinances, resolutions, public notices and other documents evidencing the necessary authorizations with respect to the execution, delivery and performance by Governmental Entity or Public Power System of this Master Agreement and (ii) an opinion of counsel for Governmental Entity or Public Power System, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Other Party, regarding the validity, binding effect and enforceability of this Master Agreement against Governmental Entity or Public Power System in

respect of the Act and all other relevant constitutional organic or other governing documents and applicable law.

Section 3.5 No Immunity Claim. Governmental Entity or Public Power System warrants and covenants that with respect to its contractual obligations hereunder and performance thereof, it will not claim immunity on the grounds of sovereignty or similar grounds with respect to itself or its revenues or assets from (a) suit, (b) jurisdiction of court (including a court located outside the jurisdiction of its organization), (c) relief by way of injunction, order for specific performance or recovery of property, (d) attachment of assets, or (e) execution or enforcement of any judgment.

E. If the appropriate box is checked on the Cover Sheet, as an alternative to selecting one of the options under Section 8.3, the Parties agree to add the following section to Article Three:

Section 3.6 Governmental Entity or Public Power System Security. With respect to each Transaction, Governmental Entity or Public Power System shall either (i) have created and set aside a Special Fund or (ii) upon execution of this Master Agreement and prior to the commencement of each subsequent fiscal year of Governmental Entity or Public Power System during any Delivery Period, have obtained all necessary budgetary approvals and certifications for payment of all of its obligations under this Master Agreement for such fiscal year; any breach of this provision shall be deemed to have arisen during a fiscal period of Governmental Entity or Public Power System for which budgetary approval or certification of its obligations under this Master Agreement is in effect and, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in Article Four, an Early Termination Date shall automatically and without further notice occur hereunder as of such date wherein Governmental Entity or Public Power System shall be treated as the Defaulting Party. Governmental Entity or Public Power System shall have allocated to the Special Fund or its general funds a revenue base that is adequate to cover Public Power System's payment obligations hereunder throughout the entire Delivery Period.

F. If the appropriate box is checked on the Cover Sheet, the Parties agree to add the following section to Article Eight:

Section 8.4 Governmental Security. As security for payment and performance of Public Power System's obligations hereunder, Public Power System hereby pledges, sets over, assigns and grants to the other Party a security interest in all of Public Power System's right, title and interest in and to [specify collateral].

G. The Parties agree to add the following sentence at the end of Section 10.6 -  
Governing Law:

NOTWITHSTANDING THE FOREGOING, IN RESPECT OF THE  
APPLICABILITY OF THE ACT AS HEREIN PROVIDED, THE LAWS  
OF THE STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_<sup>2</sup> SHALL APPLY.

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<sup>2</sup> Insert relevant state for Governmental Entity or Public Power System.

## **SCHEDULE P: PRODUCTS AND RELATED DEFINITIONS**

“Ancillary Services” means any of the services identified by a Transmission Provider in its transmission tariff as “ancillary services” including, but not limited to, regulation and frequency response, energy imbalance, operating reserve-spinning and operating reserve-supplemental, as may be specified in the Transaction.

“Capacity” has the meaning specified in the Transaction.

“Energy” means three-phase, 60-cycle alternating current electric energy, expressed in megawatt hours.

“Firm (LD)” means, with respect to a Transaction, that either Party shall be relieved of its obligations to sell and deliver or purchase and receive without liability only to the extent that, and for the period during which, such performance is prevented by Force Majeure. In the absence of Force Majeure, the Party to which performance is owed shall be entitled to receive from the Party which failed to deliver/receive an amount determined pursuant to Article Four.

“Firm Transmission Contingent - Contract Path” means, with respect to a Transaction, that the performance of either Seller or Buyer (as specified in the Transaction) shall be excused, and no damages shall be payable including any amounts determined pursuant to Article Four, if the transmission for such Transaction is interrupted or curtailed and (i) such Party has provided for firm transmission with the transmission provider(s) for the Product in the case of the Seller from the generation source to the Delivery Point or in the case of the Buyer from the Delivery Point to the ultimate sink, and (ii) such interruption or curtailment is due to “force majeure” or “uncontrollable force” or a similar term as defined under the applicable transmission provider’s tariff. This contingency shall excuse performance for the duration of the interruption or curtailment notwithstanding the provisions of the definition of “Force Majeure” in Section 1.23 to the contrary.

“Firm Transmission Contingent - Delivery Point” means, with respect to a Transaction, that the performance of either Seller or Buyer (as specified in the Transaction) shall be excused, and no damages shall be payable including any amounts determined pursuant to Article Four, if the transmission to the Delivery Point (in the case of Seller) or from the Delivery Point (in the case of Buyer) for such Transaction is interrupted or curtailed and (i) such Party has provided for firm transmission with the transmission provider(s) for the Product, in the case of the Seller, to be delivered to the Delivery Point or, in the case of Buyer, to be received at the Delivery Point and (ii) such interruption or curtailment is due to “force majeure” or “uncontrollable force” or a similar term as defined under the applicable transmission provider’s tariff. This transmission contingency excuses performance for the duration of the interruption or curtailment, notwithstanding the provisions of the definition of “Force Majeure” in Section 1.23 to the contrary. Interruptions or curtailments of transmission other than the transmission either immediately to or from the Delivery Point shall not excuse performance

“Firm (No Force Majeure)” means, with respect to a Transaction, that if either Party fails to perform its obligation to sell and deliver or purchase and receive the Product, the Party to which performance is owed shall be entitled to receive from the Party which failed to perform an

amount determined pursuant to Article Four. Force Majeure shall not excuse performance of a Firm (No Force Majeure) Transaction.

“Into \_\_\_\_\_ (the “Receiving Transmission Provider”), Seller’s Daily Choice” means that, in accordance with the provisions set forth below, (1) the Product shall be scheduled and delivered to an interconnection or interface (“Interface”) either (a) on the Receiving Transmission Provider’s transmission system border or (b) within the control area of the Receiving Transmission Provider if the Product is from a source of generation in that control area, which Interface, in either case, the Receiving Transmission Provider identifies as available for delivery of the Product in or into its control area; and (2) Seller has the right on a daily prescheduled basis to designate the Interface where the Product shall be delivered. An “Into” Product shall be subject to the following provisions:

1. Prescheduling and Notification. Subject to the provisions of Section 6, not later than the prescheduling deadline of 11:00 a.m. CPT on the Business Day before the next delivery day or as otherwise agreed to by Buyer and Seller, Seller shall notify Buyer (“Seller’s Notification”) of Seller’s immediate upstream counterparty and the Interface (the “Designated Interface”) where Seller shall deliver the Product for the next delivery day, and Buyer shall notify Seller of Buyer’s immediate downstream counterparty.

2. Availability of “Firm Transmission” to Buyer at Designated Interface; “Timely Request for Transmission,” “ADI” and “Available Transmission.” In determining availability to Buyer of next-day firm transmission (“Firm Transmission”) from the Designated Interface, a “Timely Request for Transmission” shall mean a properly completed request for Firm Transmission made by Buyer in accordance with the controlling tariff procedures, which request shall be submitted to the Receiving Transmission Provider no later than 30 minutes after delivery of Seller’s Notification, provided, however, if the Receiving Transmission Provider is not accepting requests for Firm Transmission at the time of Seller’s Notification, then such request by Buyer shall be made within 30 minutes of the time when the Receiving Transmission Provider first opens thereafter for purposes of accepting requests for Firm Transmission.

Pursuant to the terms hereof, delivery of the Product may under certain circumstances be redesignated to occur at an Interface other than the Designated Interface (any such alternate designated interface, an “ADI”) either (a) on the Receiving Transmission Provider’s transmission system border or (b) within the control area of the Receiving Transmission Provider if the Product is from a source of generation in that control area, which ADI, in either case, the Receiving Transmission Provider identifies as available for delivery of the Product in or into its control area using either firm or non-firm transmission, as available on a day-ahead or hourly basis (individually or collectively referred to as “Available Transmission”) within the Receiving Transmission Provider’s transmission system.

3. Rights of Buyer and Seller Depending Upon Availability of/Timely Request for Firm Transmission

A. Timely Request for Firm Transmission made by Buyer, Accepted by the Receiving Transmission Provider and Purchased by Buyer. If a Timely Request for Firm Transmission is made by Buyer and is accepted by the Receiving Transmission Provider

and Buyer purchases such Firm Transmission, then Seller shall deliver and Buyer shall receive the Product at the Designated Interface.

i. If the Firm Transmission purchased by Buyer within the Receiving Transmission Provider's transmission system from the Designated Interface ceases to be available to Buyer for any reason, or if Seller is unable to deliver the Product at the Designated Interface for any reason except Buyer's non-performance, then at Seller's choice from among the following, Seller shall: (a) to the extent Firm Transmission is available to Buyer from an ADI on a day-ahead basis, require Buyer to purchase such Firm Transmission from such ADI, and schedule and deliver the affected portion of the Product to such ADI on the basis of Buyer's purchase of Firm Transmission, or (b) require Buyer to purchase non-firm transmission, and schedule and deliver the affected portion of the Product on the basis of Buyer's purchase of non-firm transmission from the Designated Interface or an ADI designated by Seller, or (c) to the extent firm transmission is available on an hourly basis, require Buyer to purchase firm transmission, and schedule and deliver the affected portion of the Product on the basis of Buyer's purchase of such hourly firm transmission from the Designated Interface or an ADI designated by Seller.

ii. If the Available Transmission utilized by Buyer as required by Seller pursuant to Section 3A(i) ceases to be available to Buyer for any reason, then Seller shall again have those alternatives stated in Section 3A(i) in order to satisfy its obligations.

iii. Seller's obligation to schedule and deliver the Product at an ADI is subject to Buyer's obligation referenced in Section 4B to cooperate reasonably therewith. If Buyer and Seller cannot complete the scheduling and/or delivery at an ADI, then Buyer shall be deemed to have satisfied its receipt obligations to Seller and Seller shall be deemed to have failed its delivery obligations to Buyer, and Seller shall be liable to Buyer for amounts determined pursuant to Article Four.

iv. In each instance in which Buyer and Seller must make alternative scheduling arrangements for delivery at the Designated Interface or an ADI pursuant to Sections 3A(i) or (ii), and Firm Transmission had been purchased by both Seller and Buyer into and within the Receiving Transmission Provider's transmission system as to the scheduled delivery which could not be completed as a result of the interruption or curtailment of such Firm Transmission, Buyer and Seller shall bear their respective transmission expenses and/or associated congestion charges incurred in connection with efforts to complete delivery by such alternative scheduling and delivery arrangements. In any instance except as set forth in the immediately preceding sentence, Buyer and Seller must make alternative scheduling arrangements for delivery at the Designated Interface or an ADI under Sections 3A(i) or (ii), Seller shall be responsible for any additional transmission purchases and/or associated congestion charges incurred by Buyer in connection with such alternative scheduling arrangements.

B. Timely Request for Firm Transmission Made by Buyer but Rejected by the Receiving Transmission Provider. If Buyer's Timely Request for Firm Transmission is rejected by the Receiving Transmission Provider because of unavailability of Firm Transmission from the Designated Interface, then Buyer shall notify Seller within 15 minutes after receipt of the Receiving Transmission Provider's notice of rejection ("Buyer's Rejection Notice"). If Buyer timely notifies Seller of such unavailability of Firm Transmission from the Designated Interface, then Seller shall be obligated either (1) to the extent Firm Transmission is available to Buyer from an ADI on a day-ahead basis, to require Buyer to purchase (at Buyer's own expense) such Firm Transmission from such ADI and schedule and deliver the Product to such ADI on the basis of Buyer's purchase of Firm Transmission, and thereafter the provisions in Section 3A shall apply, or (2) to require Buyer to purchase (at Buyer's own expense) non-firm transmission, and schedule and deliver the Product on the basis of Buyer's purchase of non-firm transmission from the Designated Interface or an ADI designated by the Seller, in which case Seller shall bear the risk of interruption or curtailment of the non-firm transmission; provided, however, that if the non-firm transmission is interrupted or curtailed or if Seller is unable to deliver the Product for any reason, Seller shall have the right to schedule and deliver the Product to another ADI in order to satisfy its delivery obligations, in which case Seller shall be responsible for any additional transmission purchases and/or associated congestion charges incurred by Buyer in connection with Seller's inability to deliver the Product as originally prescheduled. If Buyer fails to timely notify Seller of the unavailability of Firm Transmission, then Buyer shall bear the risk of interruption or curtailment of transmission from the Designated Interface, and the provisions of Section 3D shall apply.

C. Timely Request for Firm Transmission Made by Buyer, Accepted by the Receiving Transmission Provider and not Purchased by Buyer. If Buyer's Timely Request for Firm Transmission is accepted by the Receiving Transmission Provider but Buyer elects to purchase non-firm transmission rather than Firm Transmission to take delivery of the Product, then Buyer shall bear the risk of interruption or curtailment of transmission from the Designated Interface. In such circumstances, if Seller's delivery is interrupted as a result of transmission relied upon by Buyer from the Designated Interface, then Seller shall be deemed to have satisfied its delivery obligations to Buyer, Buyer shall be deemed to have failed to receive the Product and Buyer shall be liable to Seller for amounts determined pursuant to Article Four.

D. No Timely Request for Firm Transmission Made by Buyer, or Buyer Fails to Timely Send Buyer's Rejection Notice. If Buyer fails to make a Timely Request for Firm Transmission or Buyer fails to timely deliver Buyer's Rejection Notice, then Buyer shall bear the risk of interruption or curtailment of transmission from the Designated Interface. In such circumstances, if Seller's delivery is interrupted as a result of transmission relied upon by Buyer from the Designated Interface, then Seller shall be deemed to have satisfied its delivery obligations to Buyer, Buyer shall be deemed to have failed to receive the Product and Buyer shall be liable to Seller for amounts determined pursuant to Article Four.

4. Transmission

A. Seller's Responsibilities. Seller shall be responsible for transmission required to deliver the Product to the Designated Interface or ADI, as the case may be. It is expressly agreed that Seller is not required to utilize Firm Transmission for its delivery obligations hereunder, and Seller shall bear the risk of utilizing non-firm transmission. If Seller's scheduled delivery to Buyer is interrupted as a result of Buyer's attempted transmission of the Product beyond the Receiving Transmission Provider's system border, then Seller will be deemed to have satisfied its delivery obligations to Buyer, Buyer shall be deemed to have failed to receive the Product and Buyer shall be liable to Seller for damages pursuant to Article Four.

B. Buyer's Responsibilities. Buyer shall be responsible for transmission required to receive and transmit the Product at and from the Designated Interface or ADI, as the case may be, and except as specifically provided in Section 3A and 3B, shall be responsible for any costs associated with transmission therefrom. If Seller is attempting to complete the designation of an ADI as a result of Seller's rights and obligations hereunder, Buyer shall co-operate reasonably with Seller in order to effect such alternate designation.

5. Force Majeure. An "Into" Product shall be subject to the "Force Majeure" provisions in Section 1.23.

6. Multiple Parties in Delivery Chain Involving a Designated Interface. Seller and Buyer recognize that there may be multiple parties involved in the delivery and receipt of the Product at the Designated Interface or ADI to the extent that (1) Seller may be purchasing the Product from a succession of other sellers ("Other Sellers"), the first of which Other Sellers shall be causing the Product to be generated from a source ("Source Seller") and/or (2) Buyer may be selling the Product to a succession of other buyers ("Other Buyers"), the last of which Other Buyers shall be using the Product to serve its energy needs ("Sink Buyer"). Seller and Buyer further recognize that in certain Transactions neither Seller nor Buyer may originate the decision as to either (a) the original identification of the Designated Interface or ADI (which designation may be made by the Source Seller) or (b) the Timely Request for Firm Transmission or the purchase of other Available Transmission (which request may be made by the Sink Buyer). Accordingly, Seller and Buyer agree as follows:

A. If Seller is not the Source Seller, then Seller shall notify Buyer of the Designated Interface promptly after Seller is notified thereof by the Other Seller with whom Seller has a contractual relationship, but in no event may such designation of the Designated Interface be later than the prescheduling deadline pertaining to the Transaction between Buyer and Seller pursuant to Section 1.

B. If Buyer is not the Sink Buyer, then Buyer shall notify the Other Buyer with whom Buyer has a contractual relationship of the Designated Interface promptly after Seller notifies Buyer thereof, with the intent being that the party bearing actual responsibility to secure transmission shall have up to 30 minutes after receipt of the Designated Interface to submit its Timely Request for Firm Transmission.



C. Seller and Buyer each agree that any other communications or actions required to be given or made in connection with this “Into Product” (including without limitation, information relating to an ADI) shall be made or taken promptly after receipt of the relevant information from the Other Sellers and Other Buyers, as the case may be.

D. Seller and Buyer each agree that in certain Transactions time is of the essence and it may be desirable to provide necessary information to Other Sellers and Other Buyers in order to complete the scheduling and delivery of the Product. Accordingly, Seller and Buyer agree that each has the right, but not the obligation, to provide information at its own risk to Other Sellers and Other Buyers, as the case may be, in order to effect the prescheduling, scheduling and delivery of the Product

“Native Load” means the demand imposed on an electric utility or an entity by the requirements of retail customers located within a franchised service territory that the electric utility or entity has statutory obligation to serve.

“Non-Firm” means, with respect to a Transaction, that delivery or receipt of the Product may be interrupted for any reason or for no reason, without liability on the part of either Party.

“System Firm” means that the Product will be supplied from the owned or controlled generation or pre-existing purchased power assets of the system specified in the Transaction (the “System”) with non-firm transmission to and from the Delivery Point, unless a different Transmission Contingency is specified in a Transaction. Seller’s failure to deliver shall be excused: (i) by an event or circumstance which prevents Seller from performing its obligations, which event or circumstance was not anticipated as of the date the Transaction was agreed to, which is not within the reasonable control of, or the result of the negligence of, the Seller; (ii) by Buyer’s failure to perform; (iii) to the extent necessary to preserve the integrity of, or prevent or limit any instability on, the System; (iv) to the extent the System or the control area or reliability council within which the System operates declares an emergency condition, as determined in the system’s, or the control area’s, or reliability council’s reasonable judgment; or (v) by the interruption or curtailment of transmission to the Delivery Point or by the occurrence of any Transmission Contingency specified in a Transaction as excusing Seller’s performance. Buyer’s failure to receive shall be excused (i) by Force Majeure; (ii) by Seller’s failure to perform, or (iii) by the interruption or curtailment of transmission from the Delivery Point or by the occurrence of any Transmission Contingency specified in a Transaction as excusing Buyer’s performance. In any of such events, neither party shall be liable to the other for any damages, including any amounts determined pursuant to Article Four.

“Transmission Contingent” means, with respect to a Transaction, that the performance of either Seller or Buyer (as specified in the Transaction) shall be excused, and no damages shall be payable including any amounts determined pursuant to Article Four, if the transmission for such Transaction is unavailable or interrupted or curtailed for any reason, at any time, anywhere from the Seller’s proposed generating source to the Buyer’s proposed ultimate sink, regardless of whether transmission, if any, that such Party is attempting to secure and/or has purchased for the Product is firm or non-firm. If the transmission (whether firm or non-firm) that Seller or Buyer is attempting to secure is from source to sink is unavailable, this contingency excuses performance for the entire Transaction. If the transmission (whether firm or non-firm) that Seller

or Buyer has secured from source to sink is interrupted or curtailed for any reason, this contingency excuses performance for the duration of the interruption or curtailment notwithstanding the provisions of the definition of “Force Majeure” in Article 1.23 to the contrary.

“Unit Firm” means, with respect to a Transaction, that the Product subject to the Transaction is intended to be supplied from a generation asset or assets specified in the Transaction. Seller’s failure to deliver under a “Unit Firm” Transaction shall be excused: (i) if the specified generation asset(s) are unavailable as a result of a Forced Outage (as defined in the NERC Generating Unit Availability Data System (GADS) Forced Outage reporting guidelines) or (ii) by an event or circumstance that affects the specified generation asset(s) so as to prevent Seller from performing its obligations, which event or circumstance was not anticipated as of the date the Transaction was agreed to, and which is not within the reasonable control of, or the result of the negligence of, the Seller or (iii) by Buyer’s failure to perform. In any of such events, Seller shall not be liable to Buyer for any damages, including any amounts determined pursuant to Article Four.

**EXHIBIT A**

**MASTER POWER PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT  
CONFIRMATION LETTER**

This confirmation letter shall confirm the Transaction agreed to on \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
between \_\_\_\_\_ (“Party A”) and \_\_\_\_\_ (“Party B”) \_\_\_\_\_  
regarding the sale/purchase of the Product under the terms and conditions as follows:

Seller: \_\_\_\_\_

Buyer: \_\_\_\_\_

Product:

- ☐ Into \_\_\_\_\_, Seller’s Daily Choice
- ☐ Firm (LD)
- ☐ Firm (No Force Majeure)
- ☐ System Firm  
(Specify System: \_\_\_\_\_)
- ☐ Unit Firm  
(Specify Unit(s): \_\_\_\_\_)
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Transmission Contingency (If not marked, no transmission contingency)
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|---|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> FT-Contract Path Contingency   | <input type="checkbox"/> Seller | <input type="checkbox"/> Buyer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FT-Delivery Point Contingency  | <input type="checkbox"/> Seller | <input type="checkbox"/> Buyer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transmission Contingent        | <input type="checkbox"/> Seller | <input type="checkbox"/> Buyer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other transmission contingency |                                 |                                |
- (Specify: \_\_\_\_\_)

Contract Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_

Delivery Point: \_\_\_\_\_

Contract Price: \_\_\_\_\_

Energy Price: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Charges: \_\_\_\_\_

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Delivery Period: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Conditions: \_\_\_\_\_  
Scheduling: \_\_\_\_\_  
Option Buyer: \_\_\_\_\_  
Option Seller: \_\_\_\_\_  
Type of Option: \_\_\_\_\_  
Strike Price: \_\_\_\_\_  
Premium: \_\_\_\_\_  
Exercise Period: \_\_\_\_\_

This confirmation letter is being provided pursuant to and in accordance with the Master Power Purchase and Sale Agreement dated \_\_\_\_\_ (the "Master Agreement") between Party A and Party B, and constitutes part of and is subject to the terms and provisions of such Master Agreement. Terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Master Agreement.

[Party A]

[Party B]

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_  
Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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