

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
BEFORE THE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DOCKET NO. DE 09-234

**GRANITE STATE ELECTRIC COMPANY D/B/A NATIONAL GRID
JANUARY 2010 RETAIL RATE ADJUSTMENT FILING**

**Motion for Waiver of Publication Requirement of Order of Notice And/Or Extension of
Publication Date**

NOW COMES Granite State Electric Company d/b/a National Grid ("National Grid"), in accordance with Puc 201.05, and moves the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") to waive the publication requirement in the December 7, 2009 Order of Notice issued in this docket and Puc 203.12, or alternatively, to extend the publication date. In support of this motion, National Grid states as follows:

1. On December 7, 2009, the Commission issued an Order of Notice opening this docket in response to the Company's November 20, 2009 proposed annual retail rate adjustments filing. The Order of Notice was to be published by the Company no later than December 10, 2009 in a newspaper of general circulation in the areas it serves.

2. The Company did not receive the Order of Notice until December 15, 2009 as it was inadvertently sent to an incorrect email address for the Company's counsel. As a result, the Company could not meet the December 10 publication date. The Order of Notice will be published in the Union Leader, a newspaper of statewide circulation, on December 18, 2009. On information and belief, the Order of Notice has been available on the Commission's website since the date it was issued. Thus, the public has had notice of the Company's filing and the hearing scheduled for December 21, 2009.

3. The Company requests that the Commission waive the publication requirement contained in the Order of Notice and in Puc 203.12, or alternatively, extend the publication time until December 18, 2009, when the Order of Notice will be published. Because the Order of Notice and the Company's filing have been available on the Commission's website, information regarding this docket has been publicly available. As a result, waiver or extension of the publication requirement is consistent with the public interest. Further, by granting the waiver, the conduct of the December 21 hearing will not be disrupted.

4. For these reasons, the Company requests that the Commission grant this motion.

WHEREFORE, National Grid respectfully requests that:

A. The Commission waive the publication requirement in the Order of Notice and in Puc 203.12, or alternatively, extend the date for publication until December 18, 2009;

B. Grant such other relief as may be consistent with the public interest.

Respectfully submitted,

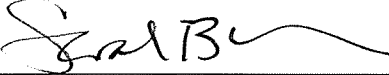
GRANITE STATE ELECTRIC COMPANY
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Date: December 16, 2009

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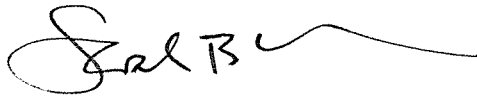


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I hereby certify that a copy of this Motion has been forwarded to the parties in this docket by electronic mail this 16th day of December, 2009.



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