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#### Introduction

Pursuant to the settlement agreement approved by the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (the "Commission") as part of the National Grid plc/KeySpan Corporation merger proceeding in Docket DG 06-107<sup>1</sup> ("Settlement Agreement"), EnergyNorth Natural Gas, Inc. d/b/a National Grid NH ("National Grid" or "Company") is submitting the results of the Cast Iron Bare Steel Replacement Program ("CIBS") for fiscal year 2010 (April 1, 2009-March 31, 2010). As required by the Settlement Agreement, this report contains the following information: (1) A report detailing the actual amount of capital investments made in accordance with implementing the CIBS program during fiscal year 2010 ; (2) A calculation of the incremental revenue requirement associated with placing the capital investments into rate base above a base spending level of \$482,110; (3) An explanation for deviations between actual results and the original plan, and; (4) A request for a permanent increase in base distribution delivery rates in the amount of \$479,462 effective for usage on and after July 1, 2010.

### Section 1: Actual Capital Expenditures

Actual capital expenditures incurred during implementation of the CIBS for fiscal year 2010 are detailed in Attachment A. At a May 9, 2008 technical session, Commission Staff and the Company agreed that the capital investments amounts to be included for recovery under CIBS may include all prudently incurred direct and indirect<sup>2</sup> costs associated with:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See Order No. 24,777 (July 12, 2007).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Indirect costs mean overheads such as pension, OPEB's and other fringe benefits, payroll taxes, material handling costs and other general & administrative expenses that are loaded on all labor and material transactions. Categories of costs that may not be included for recovery under the Plan include: (vii) costs related to CIBS planning (other than normal engineering and project planning), reporting and filing.

(i) replacement or abandonment<sup>3</sup> of cast iron and bare steel mains, including replacement of existing pipe with replacement pipe up to one diameter size larger than the existing pipe, (ii) replacement or abandonment of cast iron or bare steel service lines directly connected to bare steel or cast iron main replacement projects, and (iii) tie over of connected service lines not replaced or abandoned as part of a cast iron bare steel main replacement project.

Categories of costs that may not be included for recovery under CIBS include: (i) replacement or abandonment of plastic main, (ii) replacement or abandonment of coated steel main, regardless of vintage, (iii) replacement or abandonment of plastic or coated steel services connected to cast iron or bare steel main replacement projects, (iv) the differential in cost to replace existing cast iron or bare steel mains with pipe of a diameter that is more than one size greater than the existing main and the cost to replace that main with a pipe that is one diameter size larger than the existing main, (v) relocation of customer meters from inside to out and (vi) random cast iron or bare steel service replacements not connected to a cast iron or bare steel main replacement project.

Prior to submitting this fiscal year 2010 report to the Commission, the Company met with Commission Staff, to review the CIBS results for fiscal year 2010 against the agreed upon scope of the program. No costs were removed as being beyond the scope of the agreed upon plan as a result of that meeting. It should be noted however, that while Attachment A documents the costs of each CIBS project undertaken between April 1, 2009 and March 31, 2010, in this filing the Company is seeking cost recovery of only those projects completed and placed in service between July 1, 2009 and March 31, 2010. This is because any costs that were reflected on the Company's books prior to June 30, 2009 are part of the rate base on

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> For purposes of ii and iii, abandonments such as mains that are not servicing a customer via a service will not be allowed. Other abandonments will be considered by Staff on a case by case basis.

which the Company's revenue requirement that is pending before the Commission in Docket DG -10-17 is based. Taking into account, the adjustment to remove those costs reflected on the Company's books prior to June30, 2010, Line 46 column H of Attachment As shows actual expenditures of \$4,848,550. After removing the CIBS base amount of \$482,110<sup>4</sup> from the actual expenditures, the total incremental expenditures to be included in rate base amounts to \$4,366,440.

#### Section 2: Calculation of Incremental revenue Requirement

In this filing, National Grid is seeking recovery of the incremental revenue requirement associated with \$4,366,440 of CIBS capital investments in rates. As set forth in Attachment B, the revenue requirement associated with fiscal year 2010 capital expenditures of \$4,366,440 is \$479,462. Attachment B also indicates the bill impacts for a typical residential customer and commercial customers in rate classes G-41, G-42 and G-52.

## Section 3: Differences between planned and actual expenditures

The Company's proposed CIBS program for fiscal year 2010, which was submitted to the Commission Staff on May 15, 2009, provided for the replacement of 4.08 miles of cast iron and bare steel pipe at an estimated cost of \$4,029,305.06. As shown on Attachment A, the Company actually completed 4.0 miles of replacement at a cost of \$5,028,169, which includes \$119,336 of cost incurred in fiscal year 2010 for final street restoration on three projects that were part of the fiscal year 2009 program.<sup>5</sup> There were two significant factors that contributed to the difference between the proposed fiscal year 2010 CIBS program and actual expenditures for fiscal year 2010. First, the actual average overhead rate experienced

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> This represents the pro-rated portion of the \$500,000 base spending amount approved by the Commission in Order No. 24,777.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> As of April 1, 2010, there is approximately 142 miles of remaining cast iron, bare steel and wrought iron pipe in the Company's distribution system; made up of 672,539 feet of cast iron, 69,294 feet of bare steel, and 7,880 feet of wrought iron.

by the Company was 61% as compared to its initial estimate of 41%. Second, the estimate prepared by the Company was based on the contract with its outside contractor that was in place at the time the estimate was prepared. The Company subsequently awarded a new contract with revised pricing that reflected more current market prices and caused a general increase in the direct costs of the program. Additional detail of the differences between estimated and actual costs by project are shown in Attachment A.

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	Computer from 2008 program. Actual overhead rate of 78% i.							1									
	Estimate based on 2007 pricing, 2,4-2 ct of theathoug-						.10	0	o	0	0	\$135,4.21	50	\$135,421	\$190,944	\$123	\$174
	restoration overrup - \$96,074 compared to a total entimate of	CASBUILT	993	\$401,510	\$404	\$174				U	4	\$83,409	\$12,000	\$95,409	\$134,526	5165	\$234
586529	\$135.421. Scope change-Peabody Street guaranteed. Removed tootage			\$102,907	\$181	\$234			•	22	34	\$169,849	\$35,785	\$205.647	\$284,963	\$137	\$193
586554	from estimate. Significant restoration overrun \$95,827 as compared to direct	CASBURT	50/					┠──́──	<u>°</u>								
585536	antimute of \$34 104	CASBUILT	1,504	\$325,205	\$250	\$193		0	5	11	16	\$100,838	518,997	\$119,835	\$168,968	\$102	5144
586410	Actual overhead rate of 70%. 648 of Sheathing not identified- 57,032. Additional 55-57.020.	CASBUILT	1,230	\$262,535	\$213	5144											
585410																	
	Estimate based on 900' and acope clauged to incorporate additional 3" cast iron: 3,550 ct'of rheathing not previoually					1	.42	:	5	14	21	\$89,955	\$ 20,700	\$110,661	\$156,032	\$78	\$109
	identified - \$38,754. Unanticipated Sheathing: Actual overnoad	CASBUTLT	1,494	\$452,800	\$30	\$100		1									
586414	rate of 65%, Additional 69%\$7.521.	CASIGUES	1,494		1												
	Additional 306' of main installed on Chestnut to replace 3" CL.						21	<u> </u>	0	13	13	\$101,743	\$10,400	\$172,145	\$242,724	\$131	\$185
628380	plotted as CS-556,610. Actual overhead rate of 72° s. 648 cf of lodge removal - 57,940, 648 cf of abeathing - 57,031.	CASBUILT	1,621	\$472,59	d 529	\$18	<u></u> 63	0	0	7		\$92,568	\$5,66	\$98,169	\$138,417	\$151	\$213
		CASBUILT	706	\$135,89	d 514	\$21		1									
623567	Artical loaded spend within 2% ct'estimated costs.	CASH.II.I	1				43	0	0	14	14	\$74,808	\$11,00	\$85,095	\$121,399	\$191	\$270
	260 of of abeathing nut previously identified \$3,0x6, Additional	CASBUILT	530	\$181,05	d \$34	527	ai			1							
642220	footage of 50° due to tie-in configuration:-\$21,690. Scope change-estimate based on 425° of LP and changed to	CASICULI					42	0	u	2	ý	\$65,301	\$7,200	\$72,501	\$102,227	5171	\$241
	600 of HP. Additional footage required to abandon the 425 of	CASBUILT	627	\$157.24	525	524	16		6	2	2	\$17,490	\$1,600	\$15,090	\$24.917	\$116	\$163
642238	Cl. Abundroned 165' of main rather than replacement Replaced 1					c \$16	10	a a	0	4	4	\$44,420	\$3,200		\$\$7,152	\$298	\$420
641592	arnice.	CASBUELT CASBUELT	180	\$4,00 \$45.03						{							
6422544	Final Restoration in Spring of 2010-5 25,110,	CASBULT	1				,n	• •	0	29	24	\$181,250	\$ 23,200	\$204,450	\$2\$8,283		\$268
	Actual overhead rate of \$1%. Actual length 9% greater than	CASBUILT	1.123	\$398,10	\$ \$33	s \$26	33	) 0	2	14	16	\$\$5,293 \$73,934	\$12,900	\$98,083	\$138,297 \$114,395	\$185	\$361
655576	plan-\$26,264 \$40 cl'abrathing \$5,859. Additional 1227 due to the in configuration \$31,842.	CASBUILT CASBUILT	651		s	\$26		<u> </u>									
642250	Additional 122 due to the at contraportion of theme	CASBUTLT	295	\$89,35	4 <u>\$3(</u>	n 540	9	0	0	28	25	\$142,040	\$22,400	\$164,440	\$231,860	\$123	\$173
	Berkley St. Gueranteed reduced footage by 595.	CASBUILT	745	\$129,54	2 S17	a \$17		• •	0	23	23	\$234,315	\$18,400	\$252,715	\$356,328	\$133	\$187
612292	Berkley St. Gurraneed reduced house 19 00% hard away \$19 of ledge removal - \$8,277. \$11,446 100% hard away			\$443,65	3 53	- 515											
637617	gravel replacement.	CASBUILT	1,831	3443,05	1		.50	0	0	8	8	\$185,115	\$6,400	\$191,515	\$270,030	\$127	\$179
	Final Restoration in Spring of 2010-540,982, 1,784 cf sheathing not previously identified - \$19,356. Additional 685-		1	\$271.50	53	517		0	0	18	13	\$147,600	\$14,40X	\$162,000	\$228,420	\$135	\$190
642255	\$12172	CASBUILT	1,57														
628730																	
	369 of sheathing not previously identified - \$3,905. Significant				1	1	53		0	10	10	\$56,180	\$32,800	\$88,930	\$125,462	\$168	\$237
	restoration overrun - \$47,760 direct estimate of \$88,080, primarily 3' cut back and dig-out not included un original.				na 52'	.a 521								5340 AF	*****	\$137	\$193
640095	Actual overhead rate of 66° s	FCOMP		\$162,80				• <u>•</u> •	0	31	<u> </u>	\$215,250	\$ 24,900	\$240.050	\$338,471	313-	\$193
650396	Refeid Hartsome -180, Harrison-222' rather than uprate, both CS, removed from cost of program.	CASHUILT	2.31	\$ \$207.50	6 <b>5 5</b> 1	11 51				0	0	\$12,720	so	\$12,720	\$17.935	\$105	\$149
0000.70	Actual overhead rate of 9384. 330 of Sheathing not previously						10		21	266	292	\$2,350.761		and the second second second			\$195
588562	Actual overhead rele of 9354. 350 Er distanting for periodicity identified - \$3,581. Additional 47 for tie-in-\$7,003.	CASBUTLT	16			and the second sec	19 16										
		Foots	ze 19,98		15 52	38 31	~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~	1		r		1					r
idded Pr	niers																
suucu II	Configurant restoration pyerrun - \$74,199 for a total direct	1		]			57	0	0	22	22	\$\$4.947	50	\$84,947	\$119,775	\$93	\$138
	estimate of \$84,947, primarily 3 cut back and dig-out not included in upfront estimate. 432 of of Sheathung - \$2,154			ļ				1	† <sup>×</sup>		<del>"</del>	1	31		411-11/2		2,00
681861	216 cf lodge removal-\$2,184.	CASBUILT	83	\$ \$212,4	85 52	55 51				1	1						
	Final Restoration in Spring of 2010-544.626. Actual overhead			1			17	0	o	0	0	\$50,024	so	\$\$3,324	\$75,187	\$305	5430
	rate of 75% A12 of Sheathing 54,687. 200 of of ledge	CASBUILT	1	\$75,8	ui \$3	21 54	30		21	285	314	\$2.289.032	\$277.093	\$2.796.964	\$3,943,719	\$138	\$195
695905	removal - \$2,022. Additional 61' for tre-in-\$26,230.	CASBUIL/F	23	·													
		Miles						T	1	1	[		· · · ·				
-10	Projects with Final Restoration:	·····				1		<b> </b>			<u> </u>						
	Final Paving for FY04-10 peugram. Completed 12 09/05	CASBUILT	42	2 \$ 59,92	*	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			1								1
586496		1	1	1			_	ļ	l		ļ						
	Final Paying for FY09-10 program. Completed 11/17/08	CASBUILT	5	0 \$37,56	a			1	<u>l</u>	1	L		L			1	
586551	performed 3' cut back and dig out in spring of 2009. Final Paving for PY09-10 program	CASBUILT				سمير حيار											
100.00										·····		\$33.00	\$800	\$10.44	\$55,681	\$108	\$157
	Designer Deferred						30	0	0	<u>1</u>	1			\$39,411			
	Projects Deferred:	UUAR		0	su			0	0	12	12	\$121,770	\$9,60	\$131,370	\$185,233	\$333	\$187
FY09-10	Gustenteed Street - Permit denied	1 UCAU					35			13	13	\$140,460.00	\$10,400.00	\$170,850.00	\$240,912.60	\$126	5178

Actual overhead rate realized throughout the FY09-10 season for the NH CIBS program was 61% as opposed to the 41%, which we Detailed estimates for FY09-10 provided prior to new construction contract being awarded. Estimates based on 2008 pricing units.

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		3 Month Spending	Recoverable
Mains	\$4,305,295	\$156,300	5
Services	\$822.173	\$23,61\$	
	55,028,469	\$179.918	1

## Energy North Cast Iron, Bare Steel Replacement Program Computation of Revenue Requirement

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Annual Increase due to Cast Iron Bare Steel program

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An	nual Increase due to Cast Iron Bare Steel progra	ım		
			(a)	(b)
			9 Months	Estimate
	Defensed Tree Colordation		FY10	FY11
	Deferred Tax Calculation		1 0 4 0 0 0 5	
1	CIBS Progam Actual Spend-Mains		4,049,995	
2	CIBS Progam Actual Spend-Service		798,555	0.00/10/
3	CIBS Progam Estimated Spend-Mains			3,596,134
4	CIBS Progam Estimated Spend-Service		(00 ( 1 )	498,496
5	Base Spending Amount		482,110	500,000
6	Incremental Amount		4,366,440	3,594,630
7	Cumulative REP Program Spend		4,366,440	7,961,070
8				
9				
10	-		4,366,440	3,594,630
11	Cumulative Tax Depreciation		4,366,440	7,961,070
12				
13	1		98,794	177,140
14	Cumulative Book Depreciation		98,794	275,934
15				
16			4,267,646	7,685,136
17	Effective Tax Rate		40.53%	40.53%
18				
19	Deferred Tax Reserve		1,729,677	3,114,786
20				
21	Rate Base Calculation			
22	Plant In Service		4,366,440	7,961,070
23	Accum Depr		(98,794)	(275,934)
24	Net Plant in Service		4,267,646	7,685,136
25	Def Tax Reserve		(1,729,677)	(3,114,786)
26	Year End Rate Base	*****	2,537,969	4,570,351
27				
28	<b>Revenue Requirement Calculation</b>			
29	Year End Rate Base		2,537,969	4,570,351
30	Pre-Tax ROR		11.53%	11.53%
31	Return and Taxes		292,628	526,961
32	Book Depreciation		98,794	177,140
33	Property Taxes	2.07%	88,340	159,082
34	Annual Revenue Requirement		479,762	863,183
35				
36	Prior Year Annual Revenue Requirement		-	479,762
37				
38	Incremental Annual Rate Adjustment		479,762	383,421
39				-
40				
41	Imputed Capital Structure			Weighted
42		Ratio	Rate	Rate
43	Long Term Debt	50.00%	7.02%	3.51%
44	Short Term Debt	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
45	Common Equity	<u>50.00%</u>	<u>9.54%</u>	4.77%
46				
47		<u>100.00%</u>		<u>8.28%</u>

Pre Tax

3.51%

0.00%

<u>8.02%</u>

<u>11.53%</u>

3b & 4b Amounts based on estimated 90% 10% split of mains and services work

33 Actual 2009 ratio of municipal tax expense to net plant in service.

# **Energy North** Cast Iron, Bare Steel Replacement Program Vintage Year Book Depreciation Schedule

	Book Depreciation Schedule-Mains		9 Months FY10	Estimate FY11
1	Actual CIBS spending		4,049,995	3,596,134
2	Base spending	_	(402,707)	(450,000)
3	Incremental CIBS spending		3,647,288	3,146,134
4				
5	Book Depreciation Rate:			
6	Year 1 (1)	2.54%		
7	Year 1 beginning in FY10	1.92%	70,028	60,406
8	Year 2	1.92%		70,028
9	Year 3	1.92%		
10	Year 4	1.92%		
11	Year 5	1.92%		
12	Year 6	1.92%		
13	Year 7	1.92%		
14	Year 8	1.92%	i	
15	Year 9	1.92%		
16	Year 10	1.92%		
17	Year 11	1.92%		
18	Year 12	1.92%		
19	Year 13	1.92%		
20	Year 14	1.92%		
21	Year 15	1.92%		
22	Year 16	1.92%		
23				
24	Book Depreciation ExpenseMains	-	70,028	130,434
25				
26	Accumulated Depreciation-Beginning of Year		-	70,028
27	Accumulated Depreciation-End of Year		70,028	200,462

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FY11 split of mains and services estimated to be 90%-10%
FY09 filing used the composite depreciation rate for both mains and services

		-	9 Months FY10	Estimate FY11
1	Actual CIBS spending		798,555	498,496
2	Base spending		(79,403)	(50,000)
3	Incremental CIBS spending		719,152	448,496
4			,	
5	Book Depreciation Rate:			
6	Year I (1)	2.54%		
7	Year 1 beginning in FY10	4.00%	28,766	17,940
8	Year 2	4.00%	-	28,766
9	Year 3	4.00%		,
10	Year 4	4.00%		
11	Year 5	4.00%		
12	Year 6	4.00%		
13	Year 7	4.00%		
14	Year 8	4.00%		
15	Year 9	4.00%		
16	Year 10	4.00%		
17	Year 11	4.00%		
18	Year 12	4.00%		
19	Year 13	4.00%		
20	Year 14	4.00%		
21	Year 15	4.00%		
22	Year 16	4.00%		
23				
24	Book Depreciation ExpenseServices		28,766	46,706
25				
26	Accumulated Depreciation-Beginning of Year		-	28,766
27	Accumulated Depreciation-End of Year		28,766	75,472
28		<u></u>		
29				
30				
31	Total Mains & Services Depreciation Expense		98,794	177,140
32				
	Total Mains & Services Accumulated Depreciation		98,794	275,934

2 FY11 split of mains and services estimated to be 90%-10%

6 FY09 filing used the composite depreciation rate for both mains and services

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#### Energy North Cast Iron, Bare Steel Replacement Program Municipal Taxes as a Percentage of Net Plant

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	12/31/2005	12/31/2006	12/31/2007	12/31/2008	12/31/2009	Estimate 12/31/2010
1 Plant in Service (page 100 table 10) 2 Depreciation Reserve (page 101 table 10) (without s 3 Net Plant	258,573 (82,363)	272,678 (88,564)	289,379 (94,562)	305,221 (102,587)	319,737 (108,270)	319,737 (108,270)
	~176,209	184,114	194,817	202,634	211,467	211,467
5 Average Net Plant						
6 Plant in Service		265,625	281,028	297,300	312,479	319,737
7 Depreciation Reserve	_	(85,463)	(91,563)	(98,575)	(105,429)	(108,270)
8 Net Plant	_	180,162	189,465	198,726	207,051	211,467
9	-					
10 Municipal Taxes (page 112 table 33) 11	-	3,534	3,641	3,771	4,294	4,294
12 % Municipal Taxes to Net Plant	=	1.96%	1.92%	1.90%	2.07%	2.03%

Note: Source of above data is the December 31 PUC Annual Report to be consistent with data previously provided to the Commission.

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## Energy North Cast Iron, Bare Steel Replacement Program Bill Impacts due to Cast Iron and Bare Steel Replacement Program

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	Total Yr 1	Total Yr 2	Incremental from Yr. 2
Annual Increase due to Cast Iron Bare Steel program	479,762	863,183	383,42
Annual Throughput (based on Nov 09 COG filing)	150,828,182	150,828,182	150,828,18
Increase Factor	\$0.0032	\$0.0057	\$0.002
Annual Actual Revenues 2009	\$151,224,178	\$151,224,178	\$151,224,17
Annual percent increase	0.32%	0.57%	0.25
Typical Residential bill (Based on Pk 09-10 and OffPeak 10 COG)	\$1,591	\$1,613	\$1,61
Typical Usage	1,250	1,250	1,25
Annual Increase for Residential Heating customer	\$3.98	\$7.15	\$3.1
Percent bill increase	0.25%	0.44%	0.20
Typical G-41 (Based on Pk 09-10 and OffPeak 09 COG)	\$2,662	\$2,692	\$2,69
Typical Usage	2,000	2,000	2,00
Annual Increase for G-41 customer	\$6.36	\$11.45	\$5.0
Percent bill increase	0.24%	0.43%	0.19
Typical G-42 (Based on Pk 09-10 and OffPeak 09 COG)	\$25,188	\$25,227	\$25,22
Typical Usage	21,023	21,023	21,023
Annual Increase for G-42 customer	\$66.87	\$120.31	\$53.4
Percent bill increase	0.27%	0.48%	0.21
Fypical G-52 (Based on Pk 09-10 and OffPeak 09 COG)	\$21,185	\$21,185	\$21,18
Typical Usage	20,489	20,489	20,48
Annual Increase for G-52 customer	\$65.17	\$117.26	\$52.09
ercent bill increase	0.31%	0.55%	0.259