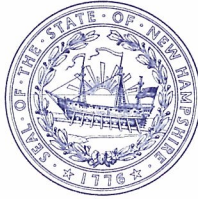


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RE: DE 10-142, Granite State Electric Company and New England
Power Company d/b/a National Grid's Integrated Resource Plan

Dear Ms. Howland,

National Grid filed its Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) with the Commission on May 12, 2010. Consistent with Order 24,826 in DE 05-098 and DE 07-052, National Grid met with Staff to discuss its IRP. Staff subsequently provided the Company with a list of issues, which are addressed in the IRP.

Following the prehearing conference, the parties and Staff met in a technical session and agreed to a procedural schedule, which the Commission subsequently determined was in the public interest and approved. On January 24, 2011, based on discussions with the Company, Staff filed a letter with the Commission proposing to file a settlement agreement by March 4, 2011.

However, on March 4, 2011, National Grid and Liberty Energy Utilities Co. filed a joint petition for authority to transfer ownership of Granite State Electric Company and EnergyNorth Natural Gas, Inc. to Liberty Energy Utilities (New Hampshire) Corp., Docket DE 11-040. Because National Grid is proposing to transfer ownership and exit New Hampshire, Staff is proposing to suspend DE 10-142 until the Commission issues an Order in DE 11-040.

The Office of Consumer Advocate and National Grid both support the suspension of the proceeding pending the outcome of DE 11-040.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Thomas C. Frantz".

Thomas C. Frantz
Director, Electric Division