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## RE: EnergyNorth Natural Gas, Inc. d/b/a National Grid NH Granite State Electric Company d/b/a National Grid -Extension of Deadline for Filings Due Between August 29, 2011 and September 2, 2011

Dear Ms. Howland:

On behalf of EnergyNorth Natural Gas, Inc. d/b/a National Grid NH and Granite State Electric Company d/b/a National Grid (collectively, "the Companies"), I am writing to request an extension of the filing date for all reports and other filings that are due to be submitted to the Commission during the week of August 29, 2011. The extreme storm conditions from Hurricane Irene this past weekend have required the Companies to focus their resources on service restoration efforts in New Hampshire and throughout the Northeast. Many of the employees who are normally responsible for preparing filings made with the Commission have been reassigned to assist in those efforts, including employees in the Regulatory and Rates departments and other employees necessary to provide information for New Hampshire regulatory matters.

In light of these storm assignments, the Companies respectfully request that the Commission grant an extension until September 7, 2011 of the filing deadlines for all submissions to the Commission that are due this week. If circumstances require a further extension, the Companies will submit an additional request as soon as they become aware of the need for it. To the extent that the Companies are able to make any of the subject filings prior to September 7, they will endeavor to do so.

Specifically, the Company is aware of the following matters that involve a filing with the Commission during the coming week:

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Docket No. or Applicable Rule	Description
DE 10-188	Core Electric Programs and Natural Gas Energy
	Efficiency Programs Quarterly Report
DE 09-170	2010 Core Energy Efficiency Program Quarterly
	Report
DG 09-049	Energy Efficiency Plan Quarterly Report
	Report to Sustainable Energy Division Regarding
	Disbursement of RGGI Loan Funds
	Winter 2011-2012 Cost of Gas filing
DG 06-107	Monthly Call Answering Report
Puc 509.08	Form E-6 Heating Value and Purity Report
Puc 509.10	Form E-8 Report of Pressure Complaints
Puc 509-12	Form E-23 Report of Interruptions of Service
Puc 509.13	Form E-24 Report of Gas Meter Complaint Tests
Puc 804.01	Form E-26 Dig Safe Violations
Puc 509.15	Monthly Leak Reporting
Puc 1203.20	Disconnection Activity
	Monthly Emergency Responses
DG 06-032	Energy Efficiency - Shareholder Incentive
Puc 509.20	Forecast of Upcoming Winter Period Design Day Report

N.H. Code of Admin. Rule Puc 202.04(c) provides that the Commission shall grant an extension when:

(1) The party making the request has demonstrated that circumstances would cause undue hardship or inconvenience unless the request were granted; and

(2) The extension would not unduly delay the proceeding or adversely affect the rights of any party.

As stated above, due to the damage caused by Hurricane Irene, the Companies have had to reassign resources and employees from all departments in order to restore service to customers in a timely manner. The Companies and their customers would suffer hardship and inconvenience if they were unable to reassign as many employees as possible to storm-related responsibilities. The extension being requested by the Companies will not unduly delay the affected proceedings or adversely affect the rights of any party, because the requested delay is only a week and none of the filings affected relate to matters with impending deadlines or matters in which the Commission or others must take immediate action.

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To the extent that this request requires a waiver of Commission rules, the Companies further certify in accordance with N.H. Code of Admin. Rule Puc 201.05(a) that, for the reasons set forth above:

(1) The waiver serves the public interest; and

(2) The waiver will not disrupt the orderly and efficient resolution of matters before the Commission.

In particular, Puc 201.05(b) provides that, in determining the public interest, the Commission shall waive a rule if compliance with that rule would be onerous or inapplicable given the circumstances of the affected party. For the reasons set forth above, the Companies believe that compliance with the filing deadlines for the reports listed above would be onerous because of the demands of the storm response and service restoration efforts in which the Companies are involved.

Please feel free to contact me if the Commission has any questions regarding this request.

Very truly yours, Steven V. Camerino

cc: Meredith A. Hatfield, Esq., Consumer Advocate Edward N. Damon, Esq., Director, Legal Division