

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

DE 12-023

GRANITE STATE ELECTRIC COMPANY d/b/a NATIONAL GRID

2012 Default Service Solicitations

ORDER OF NOTICE

On January 19, 2012, Granite State Electric Company d/b/a National Grid (National Grid) filed a letter providing a partial schedule for its default service solicitations for 2012. National Grid will release it's first request for proposal (RFP) on February 10, 2012 to procure default service for the period beginning May 1, 2012. National Grid makes its default service filings pursuant to the terms of a Settlement Agreement approved by the Commission in Order No. 24,577, 91 NH PUC 6 (January 13, 2006) as modified by Order No. 24,922 (December 19, 2008) 93 NH PUC 600.

Pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, National Grid solicits default service supply for its Large Customer Group every three months for 100 percent of a three-month block of power supply. National Grid then develops rates for the Large Customer Group based on the winning bid contract prices, with fixed monthly prices that vary from month to month. For its Small Customer Group, National Grid solicits prices for 100 percent of a six-month block of power supply and sets a fixed rate for the six-month period using a six-month weighted average. With the February 10, 2012 RFP, National Grid will solicit a three-month power supply contract for its Large Customer Group and a six-month power supply for its Small Customer Group for the period beginning May 1, 2012.

As stated above, National Grid issues an RFP each quarter to procure default service supply for its Large Customer Group and every six months for its Small Customer Group. The approximate schedule for public hearings on the issuances, including the February 10, 2012 RFP, follows:

March 2012	RFP for three months of supply for the Large Customer Group (May through July, 2012); and six months of supply for the Small Customer Group (May through October 2012)
June 2012	RFP for three months of supply for the Large Customer Group (August through October 2012)
September 2012	RFP for three months of supply for the Large Customer Group (November 2012 through January 2013); and six months of supply for the Small Customer Group (November 2012 through April 2013)
December 2012	RFP for three months of supply for the Large Customer Group (February through April 2013).

The Commission designated Docket No. DE 12-023 as the docket number for all of National Grid's 2012 solicitations. The petition and subsequent docket filings, other than information for which confidential treatment is requested of or granted by the Commission, will be posted to the Commission's website at <http://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2012/12-023.html>.

The filing raises, *inter alia*, issues related to whether the rates resulting from National Grid's solicitation of default service supply are just and reasonable as required by RSA 378:5 and 7; and whether National Grid has procured default service consistent with the principles of the electric utility restructuring statute (RSA 374-F:3(V)(c)-(e)) and Commission Orders No. 24,577 and 24,922.. Each party has the right to have an attorney represent the party at the party's own expense.

Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby

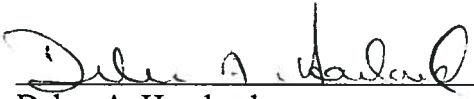
ORDERED, that a Hearing be held before the Commission located at 21 S. Fruit St., Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire on March 22, 2012 at 10:00 a.m., at which each party will provide a preliminary statement of its position with regard to the petition and any of the issues set forth in N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.15 shall be considered; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.12, National Grid shall notify all persons desiring to be heard at this hearing by publishing a copy of this Order of Notice no later than March 7, 2012, in a newspaper with general circulation in those portions of the state in which operations are conducted, publication to be documented by affidavit filed with the Commission on or before March 22, 2012; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.17, any party seeking to intervene in the proceeding shall submit to the Commission seven copies of a Petition to Intervene with copies sent to National Grid and the Office of the Consumer Advocate on or before March 19, 2012, such Petition stating the facts demonstrating how its rights, duties, privileges, immunities or other substantial interest may be affected by the proceeding, as required by N.H. Code Admin. Rule Puc 203.17 and RSA 541-A:32,I(b); and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that any party objecting to a Petition to Intervene make said Objection on or before March 22, 2012.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this eighth day of
February, 2012.



Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

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Pursuant to N.H. Admin Rule Puc 203.11 (a) (1): Serve an electronic copy on each person identified on the service list.

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FILING INSTRUCTIONS:

- a) **Pursuant to N.H. Admin Rule Puc 203.02 (a), with the exception of Discovery, file 7 copies, as well as an electronic copy, of all documents including cover letter with:**
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- b) **Serve an electronic copy with each person identified on the Commission's service list and with the Office of Consumer Advocate.**
- c) **Serve a written copy on each person on the service list not able to receive electronic mail.**