

April 23, 2008

VIA OVERNIGHT & ELECTRONIC MAIL

Ms. Debra A. Howland  
Executive Director and Secretary  
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission  
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10  
Concord, NH 03301-2429



**Re: DG 06-107; National Grid Reports of Monthly Customer Call Answering Performance**

Dear Ms. Howland:

As set forth in the comprehensive settlement agreement approved by the Commission pursuant to Order No. 24,777 in the above-captioned docket, I am submitting the monthly report of Granite State Electric Company d/b/a National Grid (“Granite State” or “Company”) regarding customer call answering performance for March 2008. I am also submitting the monthly report of EnergyNorth Natural Gas, Inc. d/b/a National Grid NH for March 2008.

Please note that on January 21, 2008 Granite State implemented the CSS customer billing system. As set forth in the settlement agreement, for a period of six months beginning with the implementation of CSS (“CSS Transition Period”), Granite State will have a goal to answer 80% of customer calls within 30 seconds, with the understanding that the Company is required to provide an explanation if performance in any month drops below this level during the CSS Transition Period. For the month of March 2008, Granite State answered 76.5% of customer calls within 30 seconds.

As explained previously, a number of factors contributed to the decline in performance following the implementation of CSS. First, call volume increased since the implementation of CSS as additional customers have been calling to question the new bill format, new programs, new web functionality, and new automated phone options. Second, the average call handling time has increased significantly with the implementation of the new system as employees adjust to CSS. However, during the latter part of March, Granite State has seen a significant improvement in call answering performance, as call center representatives become more familiar with the new processes and navigation of the new system.

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Please feel free to contact me at (781) 907-1849 with any questions.

Very truly yours,

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