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VIA OVERNIGHT MAIL

Ms. Debra A. Howland
Executive Director and Secretary
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
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Re: Granite State Electric Company d/b/a National Grid Default Service Request for Proposals for the Periods November 1, 2006 through April 30, 2007 and November 1, 2006 through January 31, 2007

Dear Ms. Howland:

On August 11, 2006, Granite State Electric Company d/b/a National Grid ("National Grid") plans to issue a Default Service Request for Proposals ("RFP") to procure default service for the period November 1, 2006 through April 30, 2007 for its Small Customer Group and for the period November 1, 2006 through January 31, 2007 for its Large Customer Group. As required by the Commission's Order No. 24,637 in Docket DE 05-126 (June 22, 2006), the RFP will solicit a bid price that includes the cost of all market products in an as-delivered energy rate ("All Inclusive Bid Price") and also solicit a second price that includes all market products on an as-delivered energy basis, except capacity market products, which shall be paid as an additional cost on a pass through basis of actual costs ("Pass Through Bid Price").

Because the Company is requesting both an All Inclusive Bid Price and a Pass Through Bid Price from suppliers, National Grid will communicate with Staff during the one-week period between the Company's receipt of indicative bids and the due date for final bids to review the implied cost of the capacity market product embedded in the indicative bids received. To that end, we propose to schedule a conference call with Staff shortly after receipt and analysis of the indicative bids is completed.

I am also submitting, for notice purposes, National Grid's proposed timeline for this RFP, which was provided as part of our recent default service filing.

ACTION	SCHEDULE
RFP Issued	August 11, 2006
Indicative Bids Due	September 7, 2006
Final Bids Due	September 13, 2006

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Default Service Filing to Commission	September 19, 2006
Commission Order Needed	September 26, 2006
Service Begins	November 1, 2006

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (508) 389-3243.

Very truly yours,



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Service List