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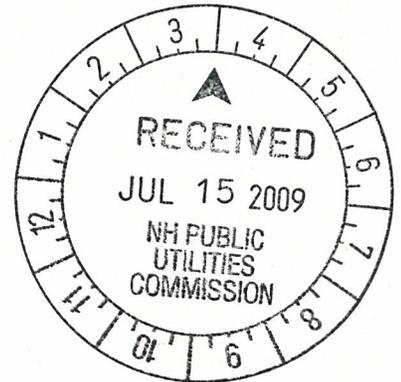
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July 15, 2009

HAND DELIVERED

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



Re: DE 09-094; Granite State Electric Company d/b/a National Grid

Dear Ms. Howland:

In compliance with the Order of Notice dated July 6, 2009 in the above-captioned docket, National Grid hereby submits an original and six copies of an Affidavit of Publication indicating that the Order of Notice was published in The Union Leader on July 9, 2009 and in the Valley News on July 8, 2009.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

Very truly yours,

Marla B. Matthews

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Enclosures

cc: Alexandra Blackmore, Esq.
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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

DE -09-094

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

I, Marla B. Matthews, Esquire, of Gallagher, Callahan & Gartrell, P.C., New Hampshire Counsel to Granite State Electric Company d/b/a National Grid, being first duly sworn, does depose and say as follows:

That I caused the Order and Notice issued on July 6, 2009 to be published as follows:

- (a) The Union Leader published on July 9, 2009 SEE ATTACHMENT ONE
- (b) Valley News published on July 8, 2009 SEE ATTACHMENT TWO

GALLAGHER, CALLAHAN & GARTRELL, P.C.

By: Marla B. Matthews
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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
COUNTY OF MERRIMACK

On this the 15th day of July, 2009, before me, the undersigned officer, personally appeared Marla B. Matthews, known to me (or satisfactorily proven) to be the person whose name subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that she executed the same for the purposes therein contained.

In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

Janet L. Benson
Notary Public
My Commission Expires:

JANET L. BENSON, Notary Public
My Commission Expires September 13, 2011

ATTACHMENT ONE

I hereby certify that the foregoing notice was published in The Union Leader and/or New Hampshire Sunday News, newspapers printed at Manchester, N.H., by the Union Leader Corporation on the following dates, Viz:

July 9, 2009
(Signed) *Chantal Jesmer*

UNION LEADER CORPORATION

State of New Hampshire,
Hillsborough, SS.

(Dated)..... *7/15/09*

Subscribed and sworn to by the said *Chantal Jesmer*

Before me
Maisha McGinnis
NOTARY PUBLIC
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Notary Public
State of New Hampshire
Commission Expires 04/18/2011

Legal Notice

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
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ORDER OF NOTICE

On May 15, 2009, Granite State Electric Company d/b/a National Grid ("National Grid" or "Company") filed with the Commission its fiscal year 2009 (April 1, 2008 to May 31, 2009) annual reliability enhancement plan ("REP") and vegetation management plan ("VMP") results and reconciliation report pursuant to the terms of the National Grid/keySpan merger settlement agreement approved by the Commission in Docket No. DG 06-107. See Order No. 24,777 (July 12, 2007). With its petition, National Grid filed supporting testimony and related exhibits.

As required by the settlement agreement, the report contained: (1) a report on actual spending on operating and maintenance ("O&M") for fiscal year 2009, including an explanation of differences from the budget submitted to Staff on February 15, 2008; (2) a request for recovery of \$113,832 on O&M expenses, to be included in rates effective July 1, 2009; (3) a request for a capital investment allowance of \$75,740; and (4) calendar year 2008 reliability performance results. On June 30, 2009, Staff filed a letter with the Commission requesting on behalf of National Grid a revision to the effective date for the rate adjustment to August 1, 2009.

As stated in its filing, National Grid, in consultation with Staff, budgeted \$1,473,832 in O&M expenses for fiscal year 2009; its actual expenditures totaled \$1,477,916. Pursuant to the terms of the settlement agreement approved by Commission Order No. 24,777, the expenses of implementing the O&M requirements of the REP and VMP would be reconciled to the "base" amount of \$1,360,000. See Order at 17. In accordance with that agreement, National Grid now seeks to recover as an adjustment to customer rates the \$113,832 it budgeted over the base amount.

With respect to its capital investments, National Grid stated that its allowance for capital expenditures for fiscal year 2009 was \$500,000 and that it actually spent \$543,229. The Company seeks to recover in its rates the revenue requirement associated with capital expenditures of \$500,000, or \$75,740.

National Grid testified that the capital investment allowance revenue requirement translates to an increase of 0.36% to base distribution rates, while the O&M expense adjustment translates to a proposed REP/VMP Adjustment Factor of \$0.00012 per kilowatt-hour. The Company also said that the bill impact on a typical residential 500 kilowatt-hour default service customer would be an increase of \$0.11, or 0.2% from \$63.88 to \$63.99 per month. For a residential default service customer using 656 kilowatt-hours per month (the average monthly usage over the twelve months ending April 2009) the monthly increase would be \$0.16, or 0.2%, from \$84.45 to \$84.61. For other customers, the increases would range from 0.1% to 0.2%.

The filing raises, *inter alia*, issues related to whether National Grid's filing conforms to the requirements of the merger settlement agreement, whether National Grid has appropriately accounted for the costs of its reliability enhancement and vegetation management programs, and whether the resulting rates are just and reasonable as required by RSA 378:5 and 378:8. Each party has the right to have an attorney represent them at their own expense.

Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby ORDERED, that a hearing, pursuant to N.H. Admin. Rules Puc 203, be held before the Commission located at 21 S. Fruit St., Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire on July 16, 2009 at 1:30 p.m.; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to N.H. 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 July 9, 2009, 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 July 16, 2009; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to N.H. 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 July 13, 2009, 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. Admin. Rule Puc 203.17 and RSA 541-A:32.(b); and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that any party objecting to a Petition to Intervene make said Objection on or before July 16, 2009.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this sixth day of July, 2009.

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

Individuals needing assistance or auxiliary communication aids due to sensory impairment or other disability, should contact the Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator, NHPUC, 21 S. Fruit St., Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire 03301-2429; 603-271-2431; TDD Access: Relay N.H. 1-800-735-2964. Notification of the need for assistance should be made one week prior to the scheduled event.
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