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**VIA OVERNIGHT & ELECTRONIC MAIL**

Ms. Debra A. Howland  
Executive Director and Secretary  
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission  
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**Re: DE 10- ; Granite State Electric Company d/b/a National Grid Default Service Request for Proposals for the Period May 1, 2010 to July 31, 2010 for the Large Customer Group and May 1, 2010 to October 31, 2010 for the Small Customer Group**

Dear Ms. Howland:

On February 12, 2010, Granite State Electric Company d/b/a National Grid (“National Grid” or “Company”) plans to issue a Default Service Request for Proposals (“RFP”) to procure default service for the period May 1, 2010 to July 31, 2010 for its Large Customer Group and the period May 1, 2010 to October 31, 2010 for its Small Customer Group.

Pursuant to the terms of the Settlement Agreement approved by the Commission in Order No. 24,577 in Docket DE 05-126 (January 13, 2006) as modified by Order No. 24,922 in Docket DE 08-011/DE 05-126 (December 19, 2008), National Grid plans to solicit a bid price that includes the cost of all market products on an as-delivered energy basis, i.e., an all inclusive bid price.

National Grid intends to 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 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 or, alternatively, to communicate with Staff via email.

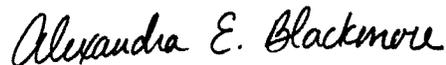
I am submitting, for notice purposes, National Grid’s proposed timeline for this RFP, which was provided as part of our most recent default service filing.

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RFP	February 2010 RFP
RFP Issued	February 12, 2010
Indicative Bids Due	March 3, 2010
Final Bids Due	March 10, 2010
Contract Execution	March 11, 2010
Default Service Filing to Commission	March 15, 2010
Commission Order Needed	March 22, 2010
Service Begins	May 1, 2010

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. Please feel free to contact me at (781) 907-1849 with any questions.

Very truly yours,



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DE 09-010 Service List (via electronic mail)