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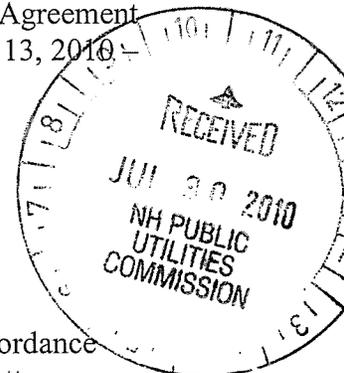
Inter-Department Communication

DATE: July 30, 2010
AT (OFFICE): NHPUC

FROM: Steven E. Mullen *SEM*
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SUBJECT: DA 10-076, New England Power Company – Affiliate Agreement with Massachusetts Electric Company for the Period March 13, 2010 – March 12, 2011

TO: Debra A. Howland, Executive Director



On March 30, 2010, New England Power Company (NEP) filed, in accordance with RSA 366:3, copies of a letter agreement between NEP and its Massachusetts affiliate Massachusetts Electric Company. The contracts cover the period from March 13, 2010 through March 12, 2011 and relate to the joint use of a communications cable attached to three NEP transmission structures in Malden, Massachusetts.

Staff has reviewed the letter agreement and recommends that further investigation into the contract extensions is unnecessary at this time. As any potential issues that arise from the service contracts can be addressed in other dockets, or through the opening of a new docket, Staff is recommending that DA 10-076 be closed without opening a formal investigation.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

cc: Tom Frantz
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