

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Inter-Department Communication

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FROM: 
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SUBJECT: Docket No. DA 10-109
National Grid Affiliate Contracts
Extension of Mutual Assistance Agreement
Staff Recommendation

TO: Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

On April 5, 2010, National Grid filed an agreement to extend the current National Grid Mutual Assistance Agreement through March 26, 2011. The agreement was filed pursuant to RSA 366:3, which requires utilities to file copies of agreements between a public utility and an affiliate where the value of the transaction exceeds \$500.

The National Grid Mutual Assistance Agreement signatories include 19 affiliate companies, among them National Grid's electric and gas company subsidiaries in Massachusetts, Rhode Island and New Hampshire, New England Power Company, New England Electric Transmission Corporation and National Grid Electric Services, LLC. With its filing, National Grid included a copy of the 2008 Mutual Assistance Agreement and related exhibits

Because this is simply an extension of the 2008 Mutual Assistance Agreement, the services provided and the terms of payment are unchanged.

Staff has reviewed the extension and the underlying contract and, at this point, does not recommend that the Commission take any further action pursuant to RSA 366. Because any issues that may arise related to the Mutual Assistance Agreement can be addressed in other proceedings, Staff recommends that this docket be closed without opening a formal investigation.

Please let me know if you have any questions.