

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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FROM: David K. Wiesner *DWW*

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SUBJECT: DG 11-040 National Grid, *et al.* Petition for Transfer of Assets
Confirmation of TSA Transfers and Authorization of Escrow Release

CC: Debra A. Howland, Executive Director
Docket Service List (by e-mail, *redacted version only*)

TO: F. Anne Ross, General Counsel

By letter dated September 4, 2014, National Grid USA and Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. and Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. filed with Staff certifications of certain transition service transfers and a disbursement request for a pro rata release of Pool A escrow funds in accordance with the terms of the settlement agreement reached in the above-captioned docket. Commission Staff (Steve Frink and Grant Siwinski) have reviewed the filing and confirmed that the transition services described in the TSA Transfer Certifications have been fully transferred in accordance with the terms of the Transition Service Agreements approved by the Commission in Order No. 25,370.

Based on Staff's confirmation of the transfers, attached are a draft letter with certification and confidential disbursement request forms for your signature authorizing the release by the escrow agent to National Grid USA of \$504,000.00 from Pool A Escrow Funds.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Attachments

Schedule 2

Pool A Release Certification

On this ____ day of September, 2014, the Staff of the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (“Staff”) hereby confirms that National Grid USA has completed and transferred the following Transition Services¹ to Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. (f/k/a Granite State Electric Company) in accordance with the terms of the respective Transition Service Agreement(s) for the three-month period April 1, 2014 – June 30, 2014 (“Current Period”):

1. Elec Ops-2 Emergency Maintenance Engineering and Technical Services
2. Elec Ops-10 Electric Meter Shop
3. Security-1 Site Security Services

¹ All capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the same meanings as in the Settlement Agreement dated April 10, 2012 and approved by Order No. 25,370.

In addition, Staff hereby confirms that National Grid USA has completed and transferred the following Transition Services to Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. (f/k/a EnergyNorth Natural Gas, Inc.) in accordance with the terms of the respective Transition Service Agreement(s) for the Current Period:

- 1. ESD&E-1 Energy Efficiency Programs**
- 2. Security-1 Site Security Services**
- 3. Customer Svc-2 Meter Reading, Billing and Payment Processing**

Accordingly and pursuant to the Settlement Agreement dated April 10, 2012 and approved by Order No. 25,370, Staff hereby authorizes the prompt release and disbursement of the following amount from the Pool A Escrow Funds to National Grid USA:

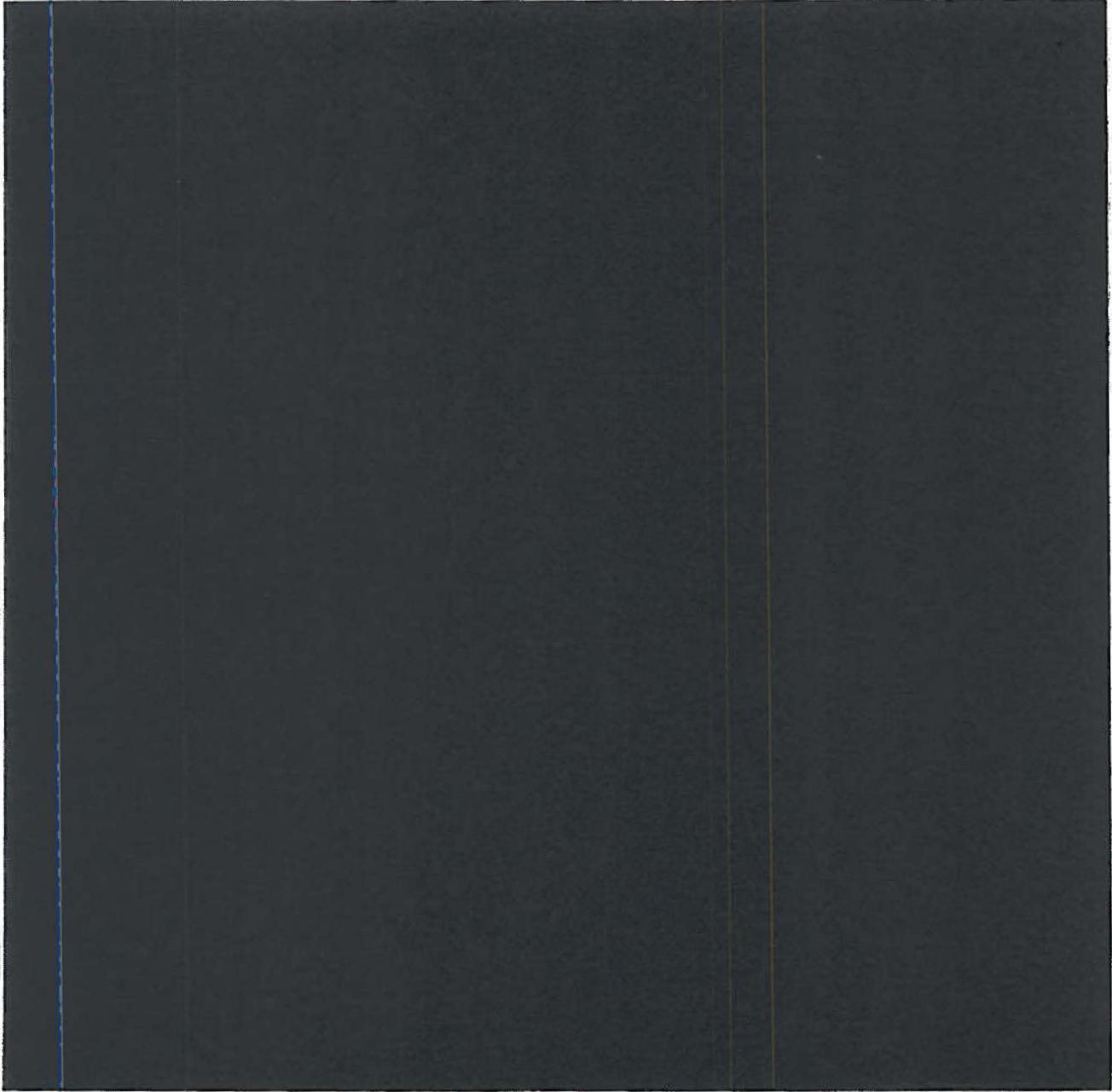
	# of TSA Services	# of Schedule L TSA Services	Adjusted # of TSA
Services:			
Completed in Current Period:	6	0	6
Previously Completed:	104	8	96
Cumulative Completed:	110	8	102
Total # of TSAs:	153	10	143
Adjusted Cumulative Completed Divided by Adjusted Total:			71.33%
Total Pool A Escrow Funds (non-reserved):			\$ 12,000,000
Pool A Escrow Funds for Disbursal (% x total):			\$ 8,559,600
Less Pool A Escrow Funds Previously Disbursed:			\$ 8,055,600
Total Disbursement Amount for Current Period:			\$ 504,000

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UTILITIES COMMISSION

By: F. Anne Ross, Esq.
General Counsel

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SCHEDULE 3.1
DISBURSEMENT REQUEST



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September 9, 2014

Richard Burlingame, Jr.
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National Grid USA
40 Sylvan Road,
Waltham, MA 02451

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Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp.
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Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp.
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Re: DG 11-040 NATIONAL GRID USA, et al.
Joint Petition for Authority to Transfer Ownership of Granite State Electric
and EnergyNorth Natural Gas, Inc. to Liberty Energy Utilities Corp.
Pool A Escrow Pro Rata Release Authorization

Dear Msrs. Burlingame and Saad:

Per the terms of the settlement agreement reached in the above-captioned docket, Commission Staff have reviewed your disbursement request filing dated September 4, 2014, and confirmed that the transition services described in your TSA Transfer Certification have been fully transferred in accordance with the terms of the Transition Service Agreements. Accordingly, attached please find Staff's confirmation and a signed, confidential Schedule 3.1 Disbursement Request form authorizing the release by the escrow agent to National Grid USA of \$504,000.00 from Pool A Escrow Funds.

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance in connection with this matter.

Sincerely,

F. Anne Ross
General Counsel

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