

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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DATE: December 10, 2015

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TO: Debra A. Howland, Executive Director

SUBJECT: DG 11-040 National Grid, *et al.* Petition for Transfer of Assets
Authorization for Release of Full Balance of Escrow Funds

CC: Docket Service List (by e-mail, *redacted version only*)

The attached documents authorizing a release to National Grid USA of the sum of \$7,500,000, representing the full remaining principal balance of the Escrow Funds pursuant to the terms of settlement in Docket No. DG 11-040, were signed today by General Counsel F. Anne Ross. The original copy of the signed documents will be sent by overnight express to Celia B. O'Brien, Assistant General Counsel and Director of National Grid USA. Confidential treatment of the Disbursement Request form was authorized in Commission Order No. 25,400 (August 21, 2012).

Staff submitted a memorandum on December 10, 2015 confirming its review and verification of the factual grounds supporting this disbursement in accordance with Commission Order No. 25,370 (May 30, 2012).

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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.
Authorization for Release of Full Escrow Funds Balance

Dear Ms. O'Brien and Mr. Swain:

Per the terms of the Settlement Agreement reached in the above-captioned docket, Commission Staff have reviewed the National Grid USA disbursement request filing dated November 17, 2015 and have confirmed that the release of the full balance of remaining Escrow Funds may be authorized. Accordingly, attached please find Staff's signed confidential Schedule 3.1 Disbursement Request form authorizing the release by the escrow agent to National Grid USA of the sum of \$7,500,000, representing the full remaining principal balance of the Escrow Funds.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "F. Anne Ross".

F. Anne Ross, Esq.
General Counsel

Attachments

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SCHEDULE 3.1
DISBURSEMENT REQUEST



¹ All capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the same meanings as in the Escrow Agreement.

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- a) Pursuant to N.H. Admin Rule Puc 203.02 (a), with the exception of Discovery, file 7 copies, as well as an electronic copy, of all documents including cover letter with:**
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