STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Inter-Department Communication

DATE:

November 16, 2011

AT (OFFICE): NHPUC

FROM:

Steven E. Muller

Assistant Director - Electric Division

SUBJECT:

DA 11-065, New England Power Company - Affiliate Agreement

with Massachusetts Electric Company for the Period March 16, 2011

March 15, 2012

TO:

Debra A. Howland, Executive Director

On March 30, 2011, 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 agreement covers the period from March 16, 2011 through March 15, 2012, is a renewal of an agreement previously filed with the Commission in Docket No. DA 10-076, and relates 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 agreement renewal is unnecessary at this time. As any potential issues that arise from the letter agreement can be addressed in other dockets, or through the opening of a new docket, Staff is recommending that DA 11-065 be closed without opening a formal investigation.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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Service List