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December 14, 2011

VIA ELECTRONIC AND HAND DELIVERY

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director and Secretary
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, New Hampshire 03301-2429



**Re: DE 11-254; Granite State Electric Company d/b/a National Grid
2012 Annual Retail Rate Adjustment Filing – Affidavits of Publication**

Dear Ms. Howland:

In connection with the above-captioned docket, enclosed for filing with the Commission are affidavits of publication stating that the Order of Notice dated December 5, 2011 was published in the Valley News on December 7, 2011 and in the Union Leader and Eagle-Tribune on December 8, 2011.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions regarding this filing.

Sincerely,

Donna Schesser

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Enclosures

cc: Service List (via electronic mail)

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December 9, 2011

AFFIDAVIT OF INSERTION

I, Kelly T. Vigue, hereby certify that the enclosed Order of Notice was advertised in the classified legal section of the Valley News, a daily newspaper, published in Grafton County, state of New Hampshire on Wednesday, December 7, 2011.

Signed Kelly T. Vigue
Kelly T. Vigue
Customer Relations Manager

County of Grafton
State of New Hampshire

Affirmed before me, this 9th day of Dec, 2011.

Signed: Beth Alice Chapin
Notary Public

Commission Expires: _____

BETH ALICE CHAPIN, Notary Public
My Commission Expires October 31, 2012

Valley News

DE 11-254

GRANITE STATE
ELECTRIC COMPANY
d/b/a NATIONAL GRID

2012 Retail Rate
Adjustment Filing

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The petition and subsequent docket filings, other than information for which confidential treatment is requested of or granted by the Commission, will be posted to the Commission's website at <http://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2011/11-254.html>.

The filing raises, inter alia, issues related to the reconciliation of the CTC, the costs included in the increased stranded cost charge and transmission rate, and whether the rate changes and adjustment factors as proposed are just and reasonable as required by RSA 378:5 and 8. Each party has the right to have an attorney represent the party at the party's own expense.

Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED, that, pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.12, a Hearing be held before the Commission located at 21 S. Fruit St., Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire on December 15, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.12, National Grid shall notify all persons desiring to be heard at this hearing by publishing a copy of this Order of Notice no later than December 8, 2011, in a newspaper with general circulation in those portions of the state in which operations are conducted, publication to be documented by affidavit filed with the Commission on or before December 15, 2011; and it is

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By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this fifth day of December, 2011.

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

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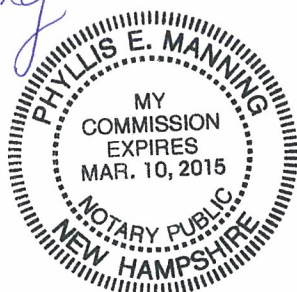
12/08/2011

State of New Hampshire
Hillsborough County
Subscribed and sworn to before me this

8th day of December, 2011

Phyllis E Manning

Notary Public



Legal Notice

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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
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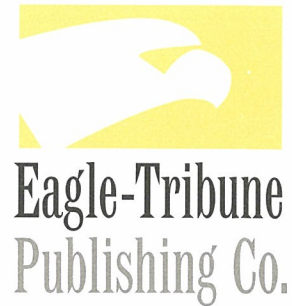
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9 December 2011



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*I, Theresa Lindner hereby certify that I am employed by the
publishers of the Eagle Tribune,
and the following legal notice advertisement:*

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December 8, 2011

Theresa Lindner
Legal Advertising Representative

9 Dec. 2011

State of Massachusetts
County of Essex

*Then, personally appeared before me, Theresa Lindner
and declared that the statements in the foregoing were true to
the best of her ability and belief.*

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ET - 12/8/11