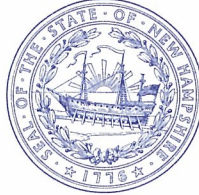


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December 15, 2008

Re: DE 08-011, Granite State Electric Company d/b/a National Grid  
Petition for Approval of Default Service Rates for the Large Customer Group  
Scheduling of Hearing

To the Parties:

On January 13, 2006, the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (Commission) issued Order No. 24,577 in Docket No. DE 05-126, which among other things, approved Granite State Electric Company's (GSEC's) solicitation process for procuring default service supply for its Small Customer Group and its Large Customer Group. On December 15, 2008, GSEC filed proposed Default Service rates for its Large Customer Group for the period beginning February 1, 2009 through April 30, 2009. In support of the proposed rates, GSEC filed the testimony and related schedules of John D. Warshaw.

In addition, GSEC is seeking approval of a settlement agreement among GSEC, the Office of the Consumer Advocate and Staff regarding bids for compliance with the Electric Renewable Portfolio Standard (RSA 362-F). Finally, GSEC will seek to amend the settlement agreement approved by Order No. 24,577 to allow GSEC to meet its going-forward default service requirements by soliciting bids for only energy-and-capacity.

The Commission will hold a hearing on Wednesday, December 17, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. at which time the Commission will hear the testimony of GSEC's witnesses and Staff. This is consistent with Order No. 24,577 which states that GSEC will file the purchase power agreement and the accompanying rates for the Commission to review pursuant to RSA 363:17-a.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Debra A. Howland/ael".

Debra A. Howland  
Executive Director

cc: Service List