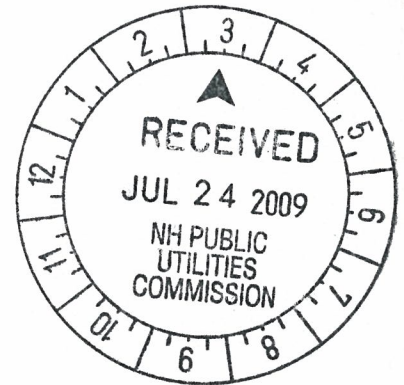


July 24, 2009

VIA HAND DELIVERY & ELECTRONIC MAIL

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



Re: DE 09-010; Granite State Electric Company d/b/a National Grid Default Service Request for Proposals for the Period November 1, 2009 through April 30, 2010 for the Small Customer Group and the Period November 1, 2009 through January 31, 2010 for the Large Customer Group

Dear Ms. Howland:

On August 7, 2009, Granite State Electric Company d/b/a National Grid (“National Grid” or “Company”) plans to issue a Default Service Request for Proposals (“RFP”) to procure default service for the period November 1, 2009 through April 30, 2010 for its Small Customer Group and the period November 1, 2009 through January 31, 2010 for its Large Customer Group.

Pursuant to the terms of the Settlement Agreement approved by the Commission in Order No. 24,577 in Docket DE 05-126 (January 13, 2006) as modified by Order No. 24,922 in Docket DE 08-011/DE 05-126 (December 19, 2008), National Grid plans to solicit a bid price that includes the cost of all market products on an as-delivered energy basis, i.e., an all inclusive bid price.

National Grid intends to communicate with Staff during the one-week period between the Company’s receipt of indicative bids and the due date for final bids to review the indicative bids received. To that end, we propose to schedule a conference call with Staff shortly after receipt and analysis of the indicative bids is completed or, alternatively, to communicate with Staff via email.

I am submitting, for notice purposes, National Grid’s proposed timeline for this RFP, which was provided as part of our most recent default service filing.

RFP	August 2009 RFP
RFP Issued	August 7, 2009
Indicative Bids Due	September 2, 2009
Final Bids Due	September 9, 2009
Contract Execution	September 11, 2009

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Default Service Filing to Commission	September 14, 2009
Commission Order Needed	September 21, 2009
Service Begins	November 1, 2009

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. Please feel free to contact me at (781) 907-1849 with any questions.

Very truly yours,



Alexandra E. Blackmore

cc: Meredith A. Hatfield, Esq.
Service List (via electronic mail)