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Re: DG 06-107; National Grid Reliability Enhancement and Vegetation Management Plans for Fiscal Year 2010 (April 1, 2009-March 31, 2010)

Dear Attorney Amidon:

Pursuant to the merger settlement agreement approved by the Commission in Order No. 24,777 (July 12, 2007) in the above-captioned docket, I am submitting the proposed reliability enhancement and vegetation management plans of Granite State Electric Company d/b/a National Grid ("National Grid" or "Company") for fiscal year 2010.

Similar to the plans agreed to with Staff for fiscal year 2009, the enclosed plans contain a proposed base O&M budget of \$1,360,000, with an additional \$100,000 for enhanced hazard tree mitigation. Similarly, the Company has proposed a budget of \$500,000 for capital investment associated with the reliability enhancement program. However, the Company would like to discuss with Staff the possibility of some additional capital spending beyond what is proposed in the enclosed plan for fiscal year 2010 and looks forward to meeting with Staff to discuss these plans in the near future.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 781-907-1849.

Very truly yours,

Alexandra E. Blackmore

Enclosures

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