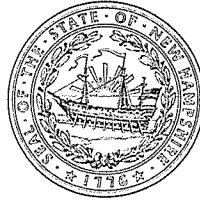


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Re: DA 10-076, New England Power Company
Affiliate Agreement with Massachusetts Electric Company
Acknowledgment Letter

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

On March 30, 2010, New England Power Company filed an Affiliate Agreement with Massachusetts Electric Company. The agreement sets forth terms for MEC to use a communications cable attached to three NEP transmission structures in Maiden, Massachusetts. The communications cable will be used by both MEC and NEP for telecommunications purposes and will provide benefits to both MEC and NEP. The agreement is effective March 13, 2010 through March 12, 2011. On July 30, 2010, Staff filed a recommendation with the Commission stating that it had reviewed the contracts and that no further investigation is warranted at this time.

This letter serves as an acknowledgement that New England Power Company, pursuant to the requirements of RSA 366:3, has filed a verified copy of a contract between public utility and an affiliate for the provision of services in exchange for compensation that exceeds \$500. This acknowledgement does not constitute approval of any rate or revenue documents. As any issue that may arise under each contract may be addressed in another docket or through the opening of a new docket, the Commission will not open an investigation at this time under RSA 366:5, will accept the contracts as filed, and will close this docket.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Debra A. Howland".

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director